



English - Borana Word List

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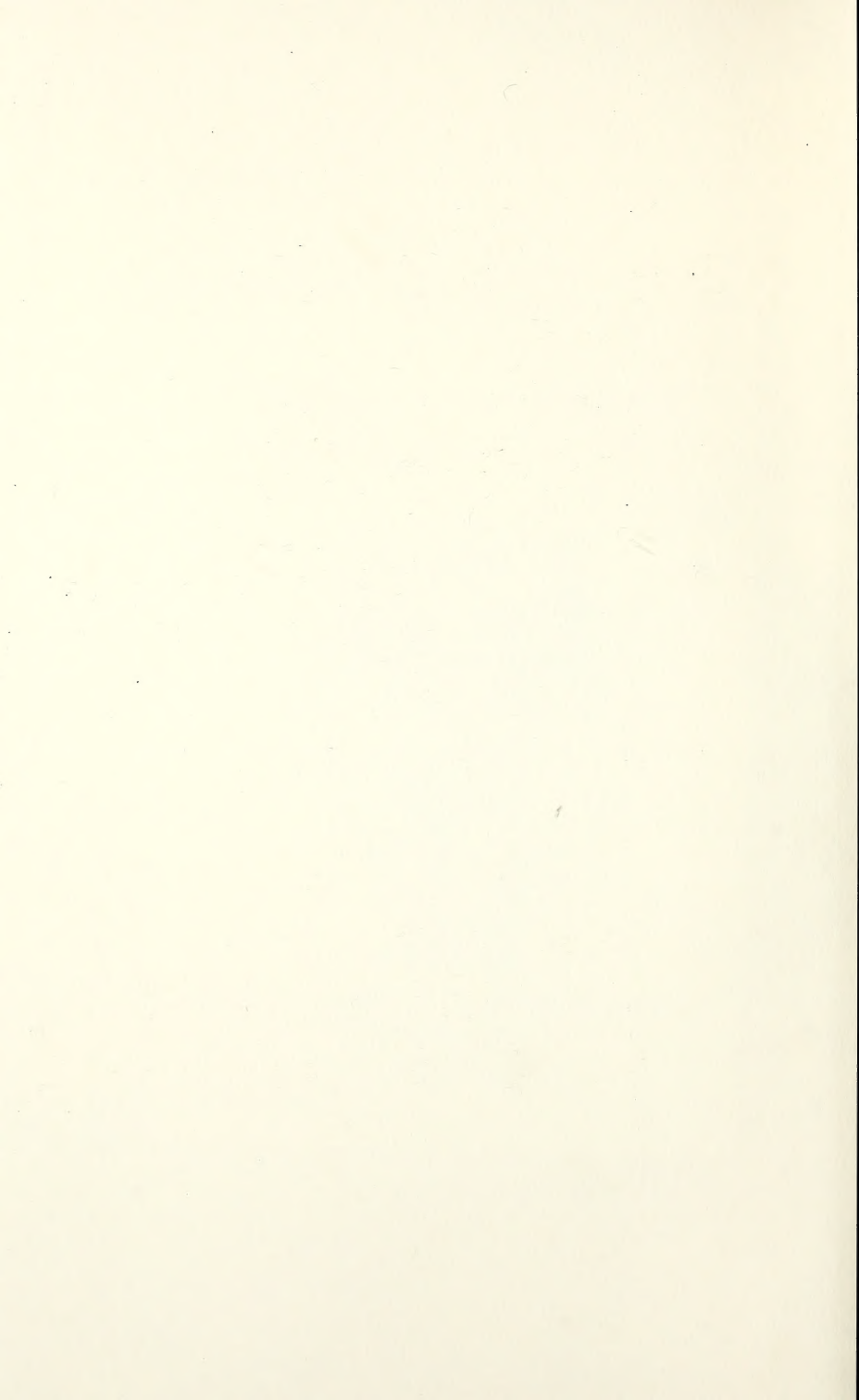


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Foreword

In presenting this English-Borana word list it is necessary to explain a few things about the list. First of all, the word list is offered as an aid to any English speaker who is interested in learning the Borana language, a dialect of the widely spoken Oromo language of Ethiopia. The basis for this word list is Aadaa Boraanaa, A Dictionary of Borana Culture which was produced by Rev. Ton Leus and Cynthia Salvadori and published in March, 2007.

Since many Borana words do not have an equivalent in the English language many words will not be found herein. For example, the names of many of the Borana religio-social ceremonies such as GUB-BISA, MOGATTI. Also, the English names of many of the trees and shrubs were not known by the authors of Aadaa Boraanaa so, only the few that were known in both languages can be found in this list.

Over the years different methods of writing the Borana language have been developed in different parts of Borana-speaking country. The spellings given here follow the *qubee* spelling which is common throughout the school system of the Oromiya Region of Ethiopia.

Many Borana words have different meanings and connotations when translated into English. Therefore, it is advisable to use the Aadaa Boraanaa as the definitive text when using a particular word. It is strongly advised to consult a native Borana speaker for the exact meaning or connotation of any particular word. For example, "to beat" has twelve different words in Borana. which is the correct one to use in a particular context? "To increase" has ten choices. In an individual case which is the correct word to use?

A few comments are in order about the pronunciation of Borana. The letter **q** is an explosive sound made by closing the throat when pronouncing it. It is a different sound from that of **k**. **Ph** is pronounced as the normal English **p**, not **f** as in English. Also, **x** is an explosive **t**, different from the normal **t**. Both are used in the Borana language.

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a little n. - guurtoo-ni
 a lot n. - gurmuu-ni
 a while ago n. - qaataa-ni
 aardvark n. - olokee-ni; awwaalididuu-ni
 aardwolf n. - goolloo-ni
 abandon v. - dida-didda; iraa gora; shaara-rta (Amh.); lakkisa-kifta; onsa-sita
 abscess n. -dullaa
 abdomen n. - huffaa-ni
 abide v. - qubadha-batta
 ability n.- qarumaa-ni
 able (adj.) - mooti
 able, be v. – dandaha-deeta
 abode n.– ciisaa-i
 abortion n. - salleesa-i
 and - - fi (suffix between two nouns)
 above (prep.) - gararroo; gubbaa; irra; ola-olitti
 above, be v. - olaana-nta
 abscess n. - dhullaa-ni; qanyara-i; qoorama-i; gilindee-ni
 absolve v. – araraama-mta; hiika-hitta
 absorb v. - dhuga-dhudda; liqimsa-sita; xuuxa-xuuxxa
 abstain v. - miira-miirta; hanqadha-qatta; laama-mta; laga-ladda;
 qooqaqooxxa-qooqahaqoofta; agaaba-bda
 abstinence n. - lagata-i
 abstinence n. - laamaa-ni; laamisa-i
 abundance n. - quufa; jafuna-i (Som.); birrii-ni; coonii-ni;
 _____ (of milk) - mirga-i; badhaadha-ni; birrii-ni
 abundant (adj.) - badhaadha, badhaatu, badhaadha; xuxxuphe
 Abyssinian n. – Abashaa-ni
 accept v. - fuudha-fuuta; fuudhadha-dhatta
 accident n. – danuu-ni; mudaa-ni
 acclaim v. - ililisa-lifta
 accompany v. - gegeessa-sita
 accomplish v. - fita -fitta; v. - tuula-lta
 accusation n. - himachaa-ni; himachuu-ni; xoophee-ni
 accuse v. - himadha; kasasa-cca (Amh.) ; hima-himta
 accustomed to - v. mataqa-taxxa; matafadha-fatta
 ache v. - abaha ; mamarqama-mta
 acid, be v. - haddhawa-dhoofta
 acquire v. - bita-bitta
 act (quickly) v. - jarjara-rta; aariifadha-fatta
 act badly v. - galafadha-fatta
 act foolishly v. - sirga'a-goofta
 act slowly v. - babadaladha-latta
 add to v. - idaha-idaata; naqa-naxxa

- add v. – dabala-lta; fufa-fufta; fuffadha-fatta; mareera-rta;
itti dara-darta
- addiction n. – araadda-i
- addition n. - mareeroo-ni
- adhere v. - maxana-nta
- adjust v. - taasisa-sifta
- adjustment n. - ta'isa-i
- administrator n. - shuumii-ni (Amh.); bulcaa-ni
- adopt v. - oromsa-sita
- adopted n. - xuxii-ni
- adore v. - lelisa-lifta; maleela-lta
- advice n. - marii-ni; (for marriage) hayuma-i
- adze n. - qottoo-ni
- afar (adv.) -laato
- affair n. – dubbii-ni
- afflict v. - godaha-daata
- afraid, be v. - luuxaha-xoofa; qaanjiba'a-boofa
- after (adv.) - duuba; eegi; egeri; gula; jennaani
- afternoon n. - saafaha-i; (mid afternoon) safaha guddaa; (late) safaha diqqaa;
dufura-i
- afterwards (adv.) - duraana; gulaana; gana (Amh.); duuba- eegi; jennaani
- again (adv.) – ammalle
- again and again (adv.) - laakummaani
- age-set n. - hariyyaa-ni
- aggravate v. - findhaara-rta
- agile (adj.) - sabla, sablo, sablo
- agreement n. - kontoraata-i (Ital.)
- aim v. – daganna-nta
- aim, to v. – abirra-rta
- aimlessly (adv.) - lafiifo
- air n. - qileensa-i
- airplane n. - xuyyuura-i (Arabic); eroplana-i
- alarmed, be v. - fodarisa-rifta
- alcoholic drink n. - arraaqee-ni
- align v. – coroora-rta
- alike (adj.) – qixxee
- alive, be v. - jira -jirta
- all n. - jimla; cufa-ti; jiblaa-ni (Amh.)
- all days (adv.) - takhaan
- ally n. - kalchaa -ni
- aloe n. - hargeessa-i
- alone (adv.) – callaa; kopha; - tuu (suffix);
be _____ v. – ceeka'a-koofta; koomadha-matta
- along (adv.) – dhawwatu; dhaatu

- alongside (adv.) – dhawwatu; dhaatu; qarqara-i
 also (adv.) – ammalle; -lle (suffixed to a noun.);
 even if - when added to a verb
- alternation n. - foloqa-i
- aluminum n. - saldaqqa-ni
- always (adv.) – cufta-ti; yo chufa
- amaryllis n. – abraasaa-ni
- amass v. - tuula-lta
- amaze v. - mamsiisa-siifta
- amazed, be v. - mama-mamta; qunqumfadha-fatta
- amazement n. – bonbontii-ni
- ambush v. - riphapha; gaada-gaadda; hoomuu-ni + ciisa
- Amhara n. - Sidaama-ti
- amniotic fluid n. - oota-i
- among (prep.) - hiddu; jiddu; keessa, ke
- amount n.- lakawaa-ni; henna; haga-i; (large) - ruukoo-ni; (small) - xuunee-ni;
 qocaa-ni
- ancestor n.– abbaaboo-ni, abbuturoo-ni
- ancient, be v. - rereepha-phta
- and so forth - -faa (suffix); e.g. ... kudanifaa – about ten
- angel n. - malaikaa-ni (Swa.); ergattu Waaqa
- anger v. - si'eesa-sita; n. si'a-i; si'eesaa-ni; aara- i; dalansu-ni
- angle n. - solonqee-ni; dagalcha
- angry, be v. – dallana-nta; dheekama-mta; romma-ita; hinaafa-fta; mufadha-
 fatta; qunqumfadha-fatta; si'awa-si'oofta; wacifa-cifta
- angry, become v. - dheekama-mta; boba'a-beeta; gaaldaha-daata
- angry, make – bittisa-tifta
- animal n. (hand-raised) - kunuuna-i; (wild) – bineensa-i, busawwa-i; (tame)
 hori-ni
- anklet n. (of metal) - koomee-ni
- announce v. – dha'a-doofa; odeessa-sita; lalabba-bda
- announcement n. – beesisa-i
- annoy n. – ceeqadha-qatta; dhiba-dhibda; gaalla-lta; hifachiisa-chiifta;
 maassa-sita; mitissa- sifta; nyagisa-gifta; nyalla-nyalta; gama-gamta
- annoyed, be v. – dallana-nta; hifadha-fatta; mufadha-fatta
- annul v. - jijjira- rta
- anoint v. - muuda-muudda
- anointment n. - muuda-i
- another n. - dhibii-ni; tokkolle; takkalle
- answer v. - jalaa qaba-qabda; owaadha-owaatta
- ant n. - xuxii-ni; suutaguba-i; (red) n. - mixaa-ni
- antagonistic, be v. - nyanyaha-yoofta
- anteater n. - olokee-ni; awwaalduu-ni
- anthill n. - kooba-di

anthrax n. – cirmalee-ni
 anticipate v. - firisa -rifita
 anus n. – bondee-ni; uduu-ni; munnee-ni
 anxiety n. - dhindhisaa-ni
 anything n.- womaa; womu; homaa
 apart (adv.) - gargari; kopha; qofa
 appear to be v. - fakkaadha-kaatta
 appear v. - futisa-tifta; _____ suddenly - futuqa-tuxxa; mulladha-latta
 appearance n. - ila-ilti; malkii-ni (Amh.); bifa
 appendix n. - mata xeerii-ni
 appetite n. (big) - sabdi-ni (person with _____)
 appointment n. - qataroo-ni
 applaud v. - ililisa-lifta
 appreciate v. - jaaladha-latta
 approach n.- dhiaadha-aatta; gareera-ta; uga-ugita
 approve v. - ee'ee jedha
 apron n. - (for the back) habaa-ni
 area n. - reera-i; fullaa-ni
 argue v. - falama-mta; falma-mita; morka-kita; morma-mita; morooma-mta
 argument n. - lolla-i; mormaa-ni; moroomaa-ni
 argumentative n. – araadda-i
 arid, be v. - goga-godda
 arm n. - harka-i
 armband n. – arboora-i
 armlet (ivory) n. - laakaa-ni; meeta-i
 armpit n. - bobaa-ni
 arms n. - masaraa-ni (Amh.)
 aroused, be v. – cekkisa-kifta
 arrange v. – coka-cotta- midhaassa-sita; taasisa-sifta; tolcha-chita
 arrangement n. - ta'isa-i
 arrest v. - qaba-qabda
 arrival n. - dhufa-ti; dhufisa-i; hordooffa-i
 arrive v. - dhaqaba-bda; dhufa-dhufta; gaha-geeta
 arrogance n. - koora-i
 arrow n. - lawwee-ni; (poisoned) - xiyya-ti; guubee-ni; laa-i;
 artery n. - gooha-i; idda-i
 artillery n. - masaraa-ni (Amh.)
 artisan n. - fuundii-ni (Swa.); ogeessa-i
 as before (adv.) - haguma silaa
 as long as (adv.) - haga
 ascend v. - kora-korta
 ashamed, be v. – ceera-rta
 ashes n. – daaraa-ni; iyaha-iyata
 ask v. - gaafadha-fatta

aspect n. - fula-i
 ass n. - rundee-ni; randa-iti; hudduu-ni; teessuma; tafa-i
 assemble v. - guura-rta; walti ba'a-baata
 assembly n. - kora-i
 assist v. - qorqora-rta
 assistant n. - makala-i; jaalaba-i (to a hayyu); qadadduu-ni; qadaddicha-i
 assumption n. - seetii-ni
 astonished, be v. - mama-mamta
 astonishment n. - mama-i
 at (prep.) - gara
 at least (adv.) - -lle (suffixed to a noun.); even if - when added to a verb
 at once (adv.) - yoosu
 at this/that time (adv.) - yoonaa-i
 attach v. - fanissa-nifta; maxtansa-sita
 attached to, be v. - qunxulefadha-fatta (a feeling); raraha-raata
 attack v. - duga-dudda; hadha-haata
 attain v. - ta'a-taata
 attempt v. - halaaqadha-qatta
 attendant n. - makala-i
 attractive n. (person or thing) - dabboo-ni; bissiqa-i
 auction n. - naadiaa-ni (Amh.); munaada
 auctioneer n. - naadituu-ni
 aunt - n. (maternal) areeraa-ni; (paternal) adaadaa-ni
 authority n. - baallii-ni; maftii-ni (Amh.)
 automobile n. - baabura-i (Amh.); konkolaata; mekinaa-ni
 aversion n. - balfa-i- jibba-i; jibbaa-ni; lolochiaa-ni;
 have _____ v. didaha-doofta
 avoid v. - bokeefadha-fatta; ra mura-rta; ga-ladda; miliqa-lixxa;
 qooqa-qooxxa; qooqaha-qoofta; akkaara-rta; jiila, jiilta
 avoidance n. - lagata-i
 awaken v. - dammassa-sita
 away (prep.) - duraa
 away from (prep.) - biraa; irraa
 awe n. - saala-i; sodaa-ni
 awl n. - mutaa-ni
 awning n. - sharaa-ni (Amh.)
 axe n. - sookaa-ni (Swa.); agaraa-ni
 axe handle n. - suka-keeti

- babble v. – batatisa-tifta; hofomfoladha-latta; n. - bakobarakoo-ni
 baboon n. - jaldeessa-i
 baby n. – cuqaa-ni; daima-i
 bachelor n. - qeeroo-ni
 bachelorhood n. - qeerumaa-ni
 back (of person) n. – dudda-i; (middle of...) habrattoo-ni; dubatta –ni
 backbiting n. - hammachaa-ni
 backbone n.– dugunguruu-ni
 backside (of something) n. – duddaduuba-i; duddaduuboo-ni
 bad (adj.) - hammaa, hamtuu, hammo; (something) n. - sababba-i
 bad character n. - baddeesa-i
 bad luck n. - marqa-i; marqitii-ni
 bad mood n. - bagoo-ni
 badger n. - hammaa-ni
 bad-tempered, be v- si'awa-si'oofta
 bag - n. karerisa-i; borsaa-ni (Ital.); seeqa-i; kintaala-i; qaratiitii-ni;
 saanxaa-ni (Amh.); subba-i
 baggy, be v. - shoboka'a-koofa
 bake v. - wadda-waddita
 bald (adj.) – molu; be _____ v. - moolawa-loofta;
 molmola-lta; molmolfadha-fatta; n. mooluu-ni; boddaa-ni
 ball n. - kwaasii-ni
 banana n. - muuzii-ni (Amh.)
 band n. - maceera-i
 bandit n. - sargoo-ni; shiftaa-ni
 bangles n. - qilqilee-ni
 baptism n. - battisoo-ni (Swa., Eng.)
 baptize v. – battisa-tifta
 bar v. – danqara-rta (close with a bar/pole)
 barbecue v. - waxala-ta
 bare (adj.) - qullaa; sulla
 bare one's teeth v. - qiida-qiidda; n. qiidaa-ni; qiidee-ni
 bare, be v. - qullawa-loofta
 bark (of tree) n. - qunchee-ni
 bark and chatter (of baboons) v. - bokisa-kifta
 barley n. - garbuu-ni
 barrel n. - barmeela-i' barmeena-i (Swa.); fuustaa-ni; fuutaa-ni (Ital.)
 barren, be v. – barbadda'a-doofta
 barren (animal) n. -harkuu-ni
 barren (woman) n. - masseena-i
 barren, place without water, hard soil n. - adaala-i
 barricade n. - meerii-ni; v. mereessaa-sita; (build a barricade)
 barrier n. - galloo-ni; ittisaa-ni
 barter v.- jijjira-rta; gurgura-rta

- base n. - jala-i; halkoo-ni; hunda-i
basin n. - gabatee-ni (Amh.); saafa-i
basket n. - dambishii-ni
bat n. - raaree-ni
bawl v. - carrisa-rifta
be v. - jira -jirta
be well v. - tola-tolta
bead n. - immuu-ni; maka'ii
beak n. - afaan
bean, n. - baqilaa-ni (Amh.); halquuqaa-ni
bear v. - baadha-baata; dhala-lta; obsa-obsita
bear witness v. - dhugeessa-sita
beard n. - areedda-I
beast of burden n. - geejiba-i
beat v. - buburusa -sita; babatisa-tifta; batisa-tifta; dana-dofta; dhaana-nta;
dhawwa-dhoofta; horda-dita; jaarsa-jaarsita; miica-miicca; qu'a-quuta;
sukuuma-mta; tuma-tumta
beating n. - dha'icha-i
beautiful (adj.) - bareeda; midadu; midhaaga-midhaaddu; midhaago
beauty n. - baredumaa-ni; midaguuma-ti
because (conj.) - qooda+fi
become light v. - bari'a-barita
become v. - ba'a-baata; ta'a-taata
bed n. - siriira-i (Gabra); sirree-ni; weeluu-ni
bedbug n. - kitiyaa-ni
bedroom n. - dhiibuu-ni
bedsheet n. - buluu; ansolaa (Amh.)
bee n. - rassaa-ni; waabee-ni
beehive n. - gagura-ti
beer n. - biiraa-ni; (honey beer) daadhii; bordee-ni (Amh.); farsoo
beetle n. - bombii-ni (especially dung beetle)
before (prep.) - qara; adoo, atoo
beg v. - gunadha-natta; waakha-waatta
beget v. - dhala-lta
begin v. - jala qaba-qabda
beginning n. - hunda; idda; sarii-ni (Amh.); qabaa-ni; qabiisa-i ; yayyaba-i
behavior n. - addaba-i
behind (prep.) - duuba
beige (adj.) - magaala
belch n. - de'uu-ni
belief n. - dhugeefachaa-ni
believe v. - amana-nta, dhugefadha-fatta
belittle v. - cunqursa-sita; sambaaba-bda
bell (wooden) n. - kokee-ni; haafaloo-ni

bellow v. - barooda-rootta; n. barooduu-ni; gooha-goota; oa-oota;
 olola-lta; marradha-tta; n. olola-i; ololchuu-ni
 bellowing n. - marra-i; marritii-ni; marrachaa-ni; marraareeba-i
 belonging to - tamu (fem.); kamu (masc.)
 belly (large) n. - borcii-ni
 bellows n. - buufaa-ni
 below (prep.) - gadi; ga; jala; jalaa
 belt n. - gurdaa-ni; mishibii-ni; qabato-ni
 bench n. - marchumaa-ni; barchumaa-ni
 bend (downwards) v. - cilaqaha-qoofta
 bend n. - daba-i; meeluu-ni; mookoo-ni; qonyee-ni; v. qonyisa-nyifta;
 goba-bda
 beneficial (thing) n. - olaanicha-i
 bent v. - qonyadha-yaata; dhamooqa-mooxxa; meeladha-latta;
 mookadha-katta; gomphoola-lta
 beside - (prep.) bira; cina (Guji); dhaatu; dhawwatu; gara
 better, be v. - gooma-mta
 between (prep.) - hiddu; jiddu
 beyond (in number) (prep.) - afaan
 big (adj.) - guddaa, guddoo, guddoo
 big (something) n. - kuma-i
 bigmouth n. - falqa-i
 billow v. - bokora-rta
 bind v. - duudha-ta; hidha-hiita
 bird n. - simpirree-ni; (tick bird) cirri-ni
 birr n. - birrii-ni (Amh.) Ethiopian currency
 birth n. - da'isa-i; v. - dhala-lta
 birth, give v. - da'a-deeta; dhala-lta; dibimbira-rta
 biscuit n. - biskutii-ni (Ital.)
 bit n. - cophaa-ni; saara-i; boocha-i (a small amount of something)
 bite v. - ciniina-nta; nyaadha-nyaata
 bits, small pieces n. - billee-ni; bit (little) n. - fooqoo-ni
 bitter, be v. - haddhawa-dhoofa
 bitter/poisonous n. - boraara-i
 black (adj.) -guraacha,guraatti,guraalle
 blackleg n. - harkaa-ni
 blacksmith n. - tumtuu-ni
 bladder n. - afuffaa-ni
 blade (of spear) n. - baliyoo-ni
 blanket n. - barangeeda (Swa.); birdilipsii-ni (Amh.); badoo-ni
 blaze v. - balalia-lita
 bleat v. - obobsa-ita
 bleating n. - marra-i; marritii-ni; marrachaa-ni
 bleeding n. - iddanaa-ni

- bless v. - eebbisa-bifta
 blessed (adj.) - badhaadha, badhaatu, badhaadha
 blessing n. - eeba-eebbiti; baraka-i (Amh.); ayaana
 blind person n. - ballaa-ni
 blind, be v. - jaama-mta
 blindness n. - ballooma-i
 blink v. - liphisa-phifta; qisa-qicca
 blister v. - buqacha'a-choofta; risa-rifta or richa
 bloat n. - daraboota-I (of cattle)
 bloated (adj.) - raba
 block (cement)n. - blokeetii-ni (Eng.)
 blockage n. - ittisaa-ni
 blond (adj.) - culluu
 blood n. - dhamma-ti; dhiiga-i; (coagulated) - laabee-ni
 blood vessel n. - haammareessa-i
 blossom v. - oboora-rta; daraara-rta
 blouse n. - ubaara-i
 blow v. - buufa-fta; bubbisa-bifta
 bluff v. - jaja-jajja
 blunt (adj.) - dooma; sigiga, sigiddu, sigigo
 blush v. - diimeessa-sita
 boast v. - balda-dilta; n. - koora-i; baleela-lta; buupha-phta; buxuula-lta;
 dhaada-dhaadda; fokora-rta (Amh.); fuca-fucca; jaja-jajja; koora-rta;
 sibadha-batta
 boastful behaviour n. - buuphaa-ni
 boat n. - markaaba-i
 body hair n. - dabassaa-ni
 body n. - nafa-i
 bogey man n. - olokhinna-i; bulguu-ni
 boil n. - dhullaa; qanyara-i; nyaqarsa-i
 boil v. - owwisa-wifta; waca-wacca
 boldness n. - jannooma-i; jannuma-i
 bolt for survival v. - xillisa-sita
 bolt v. - xiilladhaaba-bda
 bomb n. - bombii-ni (Eng.); fengi (Ita.)
 bone n. - lafee-ni; donkoo-ni; goblola; cabbata-i
 bonfire n. - goola-i
 book n. - kitaaba-i (Swa.)
 booty n. - dhiiroo-ni
 Borana n. - Boraana-i; Boraana boroo-Borana of the East, the original Borana.
 border n. - daarii-ni; qarree-ni
 borrow v. - liqeefadha-fatta
 bosom n. - harma-i
 boss v. - moha-moota; n. mohaa-ni

both n. - lacuu-ni
 bother n. - moosaa-ni
 bother v. - caqacaqa-caxxa (Amh.); garagalca-cita; galma-galmita
 gorteefadha-fatta; maassa-sita
 bothersome person n. - nuumaassaa-ni
 bottle n. - dullo; xaarmusii (Amh.)
 bottle-top n. - qorkii-ni (Eng.)
 bottom n. - jala-i
 boundary n. - daarii-ni
 bow n. - guubee-ni
 bowels n. - saaba-i
 bowl n. - (of steel or plastic) baqulii-ni (Swa.); (wooden) - dhameelaa-ni;
 qorii-ni
 bowlegs n. - bagajaa-ni
 bowstring n. - ribuu-ni
 box n. - sanduuqa-i (Swa.); saatinaa-ni (Amh.)
 boy n. - (young) mucaa-ni; gurbaa-ni
 bracelet n. (aluminum) - qasa'a-i; qashawaa-ni; (ceremonial) - saqaa-ni;
 (copper) - laduu-ni; (plastic) - aagii; irroo-ni; maldaha-i; umura-i; xirroo
 brag v. - faarfadha-fatta; geerara-rta
 brake n. - farena-i (Ital.)
 branch n. - dammee; nimitaa-ni
 branch (for closing the kraal) n. - butumee-ni; butuma-ni
 brand n. - guba; milikeeta-i (Amh.); heeroo-ni; sumuda-i; v. - guba-gubda
 brave (person) n. - janna-i
 bravery n. - jannooma-i; jannuuma-i
 bread n. - daaboo-ni; qixxaa; furnoo-ni (Ital.)
 break v. - cabsa-ita; basaaqa-saxxa; baqaqa-qaxxa; carassa-sita; kuta-kutta;
 qu'a-quuta; qurta-tita
 break in pieces v. - butucha-chita; buburusa-sita
 break loose v. - buuba-bda
 breakfast n. - qursii-ni (Amh.)
 breast n. - gurruu-ni; harma-i; qoma-ti; guntuuta
 breath n. - dhikee-ni; hafuura-i; qileensa-i
 breathe noisily v. - kuruufa-fta; korisa-rifta
 breed n. - idda-i
 brevity n. - gabaabina-i
 bribe n. - gubboo-ni (Amh.); gumboo
 bridewealth n. - qarata-i
 bridge n. - dildila-i
 bridge of nose n. - qofee-ni; konoona
 bridle n. - lugama-i
 brief (adj.) - gabaaba, gabaabdu, gabaabo
 bright (adj.) - qulqullo; n. hadhoo-ni

- brighten v. – caama-mta
 prim n. - fitee-ni; qota-i
 bring closer v. - gadiisa-diffa
 bring together v. - naaneessa-sita; walti dhi'eesa-sita
 bring v. - fuudha-fuuta; fida-fidda (Amh.)
 brink n. - edeeda-i; fitee-ni; ginrangira-i ; edeeda-i
 broad (adj.) bala, balo, balo; bakila
 broad, be v. - galma-mita
 broaden v. - fada-fadda
 broken, be v. – busuqa-suxxa; caba-bda; cita-citta
 brood v. - kumuda-mudda
 broom n. - haxawoo; haxawii; mataregiaa-ni (Amh.)
 brother n. - obboleesa-i; (pl.) obboleeyyaani
 brotherhood n. - obbolumaa-ni; obboleeyyuma-ti
 brother-in law n. - wasiila-i
 brown (adj.) - magaala
 browse v. – dheeda-dheedda
 bruise n. – dirmamuu-ni
 brush n. - burushii-ni (Eng.)
 brush v. - riga-ridda
 bubble up v. - burqa-qita
 bubble v. - koqa-koxxa; waca-wacca; ; n. koqisa-i
 bubbling v. – duta-dutta
 buck v. - filinqadha-qatta
 bucket (leather) n. - okholee-ni; (of giraffe hide) - ejabulaa-ni; baldii-ni (Amh.)
 bucking n. - filinqoo-ni
 buckle (metal) n. - libaaba-i (Amh.)
 bud – v. arareesaha-soofta, biqila-lta; tusa-tucca; tucha-chita
 buffalo n. - gafarsa-i; (calf) jadii-ni; amaartoo-ni (female buffalo); diramuu-ni
 bugs n. - khookoo-ni
 build v. - jaara-rta; ijaara-rta
 bulge v. - bokora-rta; okholadha-latta
 bulging, be v. - golompadha-fatta
 bull n. - hancaffa-i
 bullet n. - xiyyitii-ni
 bully v. - raka-ratta
 bullying n. - malfachaa-ni; rakuu-ni
 bundle n. - korojaa-ni
 burble v. - koqa-koxxa
 burden n. - baa-ni; ba'oo-ni; baachaa-ni; faa-ni
 burial n. - irreesa-i
 burn v. - boba'a-beeta; guba-gubda
 burning (feeling) v. - qarqarsa'a-soofta
 burning n. - bobaha-i

burrow n. - dhukuu-ni; fuutuu-ni
 burst v. - baqaqa-qaxxa
 burst out v. - meexama--mta
 bury v. - irreessa-sita; awwaala-lta
 bush (area) n. - dagala-i; raaqa-i; danqaraa
 bush (thick) n. - bassa-i
 bush baby n. -gargarakaatoo-ni
 bush country n. - caaka-i (Amh.); danqaraa, raasaa; dagala
 bush crow n. - qaaqa'ii-ni
 bush n. - haafa-i; raaqa-i
 bushbuck n. - dikkulaa-ni
 bushy (hair) n. - geedii-ni; ginda-i
 business n. - daldala-i (Som.); dubbii-ni
 business, do v. - nagadha-gadda
 bustard n. (lesser) - laakama-i; hanqabii-ni
 but (conj.) - ammo; immoo; immooye; silaa; yokaani
 butt (of rifle) n. - sadaffi-ni (Amh.)
 butter v. - muuda- muudda; n. dhadhaa-ni, addanuu-ni (fresh white butter)
 butterfly n. - billaachaa-ni
 buttock n. - rundee-ni- tafa-i
 button n. - qulfii-ni (Amh.); v. - qulfa-fita
 buy v. - bita-bitta
 buzz v. - burisa-rifta; ginniisa-iifta; huursa-sita; xiixa-xiixxa
 buzzing n. - bureesa-i; ginneesa-i
 by the way - (Interjection) hayyee

cab n. - (of car or lorry) gabbiinaa-ni (Ital.)
 cabbage n. - gomana; shaanaa-ni (Amh.)
 cafe n. - hotelii-ni (Swa.); buna bet (Amh.)
 calabash n. - balka-i; buqee-ni
 calf (camel) n. - orgee-ni; orgolee-ni
 calf (elephant) n. - lammee-ni; dannaba
 calf (of leg) n. - sarbaa-ni
 calf n. - waatii-ni (while suckling); waatiyee-ni; yabbii-ni (pl.) yabbiyyee-ni
 call v. - iya-iyita; lalabba-bda; yaama-mta; n. iyana-ti;
 calling n. - yaamaa-ni; yaamicha-i
 callus n. - farsima-i
 calm down v. - bayanadha-natta
 calves n. - kateebuu-ni
 camel n. - dhufaala-i; gaala-i; (male) dareena-i ; gurboo-ni; (pl) gurboota-ti
 camel (type) n. - orqii-ni; ogoree-ni; (female) hallaa-ni
 camera n. - kameraa -ni (Eng)

- camp n. - kambii - ni(Eng)
 camp (of cattle) n. foora-i
 can n. - kubayee-ni
 cancel v. - dhiisa-dhiifta
 candle n. - shamaa-ni (Amh.)
 candy n. - karamellaa (Ital.)
 canoe n. - hoboloo-ni
 cantle (of saddle) n. - randee-ni
 canvas n. - sharaa-ni (Amh.)
 canyon n. - horraa-ni
 cap n. - kooffia-ni; gulubii-ni
 cape n. - kaabbaa -ni(Amh)
 capture v. - booji'a-jita
 car n. - makinaa-ni (Ital.); konkolaata; mekina
 caracal n. - gurraqaroo-ni
 carbuncle n. - nyaqarsa-i; dhullaa
 care for v. coka-cotta; ukha-utta
 care n. - hidhanuu-i
 careen v. - tittima-mta
 carefree person n. - daaggaa-ni
 carefully (adv.) - laana; (emph.) laanuma; leeke; shonaani, sonaani
 careless person n. - adayyuu-ni; boosaha, shufuroo-ni, sufuroo-ni (Amh.)
 careless, be v. - gaffa-gafta
 caress v. - hoosa-sita; lelisa-lifta
 carry v. - baadha-baata
 carton n. - kartooinii-ni
 cartridge belt n. - korojoo-ni
 carve v. - boca-bocca; hoqonqola-lta
 cash n. - beessee-ni
 castrate v. - tuma-tumta
 castrated n. - kolaa-ni
 catapult n. - guluba-i
 catarrhal fever n. -tummaa-ni
 catch fire v. - boba'a-beeta
 catch v. - ca'a-ca'ata
 cattle n. - looni
 caught v. - xurifama-mta
 cauldron n. - hibriiqa-i
 cause n. - marroo-ni
 cause trouble v. - godaha-daata
 cauterize v. - guba-gubda
 cautious, be v. - eegadha-gatta
 cautiously (adv.) - leeke; laanuma
 cave n. - goda-i

cavity n. - boolee-ni; goda-i
 caw v. - kaakkisa -kifta
 cedar n. - hindheensa-i
 celebration n. - jila-ti; bahaalii-ni (Amh.)
 cement n. - seementoo-ni (Eng.)
 center n. - wadhakkaa-ni; waljajjii-ni; badaassaa-ni; jidduu-ni
 ceremony n. - jila-ti
 certainly (adv.) - silaafita; mirkanna!
 cervix n. - muluuqaa-ni
 chaff n. - galabaa-ni; qola
 chain (metal) n. - sansalaata-i (Amh.)
 chair n. - marchumaa-ni; barchumaa-ni
 chalk n. - haama-i
 challenge v. - dorsisa-sifta; findhaara-rta; morka-kita
 challenge v. - findhaara-rta
 chameleon n. - gararraa-ni
 chance n. - boddaa-ni; milkii-ni; kaayoo-ni
 change v. - gargala-ta; jijjira- rta; milisa-sita; n. - foloqa-i
 channel n. - dololloo-ni
 chaplet n. malmalaa-ni
 character n. - amala-i; miira-i
 charcoal n. - cilee; cileettii-ni; kasala-i (Amh.);
 chase (for mating) v. - kurkura-rta
 chase away v. - gussa-gussita
 chase v. - reeba-bda; oria-orita; yaasa-yaafita; n. - bu'aa-ni
 chat v. - hasaha-soofta
 chatter v. - manaaga-naadda; (of baboons) v. - bokisa-kifta
 cheapness n. - kasaraa-ni (Swa.)
 cheat v. - daga-dadda; malteessa-sita; soba-sobda; daaleessa-sita
 cheater n. - falfaltuu-ni
 cheating n. - maltee-ni
 cheek n. - mallaa-ni
 cheerful n. - bissiqa-i
 cheetah n. - deeroo-ni
 cherish v. - amnadha-natta
 chest n. - handaraafa-i; qoma; laphee-ni; gollaa-ni
 chew v. - buburusa-sita; nyaadha-nyaata
 chick n. - ciiqoo-ni; cuqaa-ni
 chicken n. - lukuu-ni
 chickpeas n. - shumburaa-ni (Amh.)
 child n. - ilma-i; (pl.) ilmaan; ijoollee-ni
 childhood n. - hagamaa-ni
 chili pepper n. - barbaree-ni
 chilly, be v. - maganaha-noofta; chill n.- maganuu-ni

chin n. – areedda-i
 chip v. - wakara-rta; n. - falaana-i; filida-i
 chirp v. - xiixa-xiixxa
 chisel n. - maroo-ni; hooxxoo;
 choice n. - filaa-ni; filachaa-ni
 choke v. - fe'a-feta
 choking n. - fe'uu-ni
 choose v. - fila-filta; filadha-latta; kuradhaa-dhoofta
 Christian n. - kiristanaa-ni
 Christianity n. - kiristanumaa-ni
 chunk n. - karannee -ni
 churn v. - raasa-fta
 cigarette n. - sigaraa-ni (Swa.)
 circle n. - gaangoon-ni; korboo-ni
 circumcision n. – dhaqanqabaa-ni; v. dhaqanqaba qabda
 circumstance n. - hojjaa-ni
 cistern n. - boola-iti
 civet cat n. - qirinjjii-ni
 clamor v. - dhuqisa-qifta
 clan n. - gosa-i
 clap v. – dhachisa-chifta; dhophisa-phifta
 clapper (of bell) n. - misaa-ni
 clasp n. (metal) - libaaba-i (Amh.)
 class n. (generation) - lubba-i
 clatter v. – dhachisa-chifta
 clavicle n. - ho'ee-ni
 clay n. - faara-i
 clean (adj.) - adii; laala-i (Arab.); qulqullo
 clean off v. - xuruuradha-ratta
 clean v. - lambuuba-bda; riga-ridda; soqa-soxxa; sossa-sitaa;
 yuukha-yuutta
 cleanse v. - fala-falta
 cleansing n. - fala-i; falachaa-ni
 clear v. - soqa-soxxa; adj. - claqi
 clear, become v. – caama-mta
 clearing (small) n. – baqalla-ti; iblee-ni
 clearly (adv.) – diideese
 cliff n. - edeeda-i
 climb v. - kora-korta; yaaba-bda; ol ba'a-baata
 cling v. - maxana-nta
 clip n. (bullet clip of rifle) gaanii-ni (Amh.)
 clitoris n. - likina-i
 clock n. - sa'atii-ni (Amh.)
 close (be) (prep.) – aana; bira

close (distance) n. - ejata-i
 close to, be v- olaana-nta; uga-ugita; ruga-rudda
 close v. - cufa-cufta; cuqqaala-lta; (eyes) v. - dununfadha-fatta
 close well v. - xurisa-rifta
 closure n. - mingaa-ni
 cloth n. - carqii-ni (Amh.); wayaa-ni; bututuu-ni; jersii-ni (Som.); kurnyii-ni;
 cloth (coloured) n. - kulumphaa-ni; (fringed) - garbisaara-i; (white) - boftaa-ni;
 (for tobacco) - kitambaa-ni (Swa.); gaabii-ni (Amh.); white cotton cloth.;
 shiritii-ni; abuyyadii-ni; obolloo-ni; (cotton, with pattern) - leensoo-ni
 clothe oneself v. - keeyyadha
 clothe v. - uyyisa-yifta; keeyyadha
 clothing n. - gaadha-i
 clouds n. - hafarfajii-ni
 clump n. - citaha-i
 cluster n. - jaldoo-ni
 cluster together v. - citaha-toofta; dira-dirta (always with wal)
 clutch v. - maxana-nta
 coagulate v. - kudhuba-da; itita-ititta
 coals n. - cilee-ni; cileettii-ni
 coat n. - kootii (Eng.)
 cobweb n. - raaphuphaa-ni; saaphuphaa-ni
 cockroach n. - barbaree-ni
 coenurosis n. - neural sickness of animals, n. - sirgoo-ni
 coerce v. - gibirsa-siita; ukuma (Amh.)
 coffee n. - buna-i; liilla-i
 coffeepot n. - jabannaa-ni (Amh.)
 cold n. - diilala-ti; diilaluu-ni; domfoofa-i; donfoofa-i;
 (weather) n. - dhamoocha-i; maganuu
 cold, be v. - maganaha-noofta; shiblalaha-loofta
 cold, feel v. - bitataha-toofta
 coldness n. - diilala-ti; diilaluu-ni
 collapse v. - cicha-cichita; jiga-jidda
 collarbone n. - ho'ee-ni
 collect v. - coonca-cita (usually + walti); faafa-fta; tuuteesa-sita; fila-filta;
 guura-rta
 colobus n. (monkey) - weenii-ni
 colon n. - xeerii-ni
 color n. - bifa-ti; malkii-ni (Amh.); rangii-ni (Swa.)
 colostrum n. - kekii-ni; silla-i
 comb n. - fila-i; filansa-i; v. - fila-filta; n. fila-i; filansa-i
 combine v. - maka-matta
 come v. - dhufa-dhufta
 come! - koottti!; koottaa!
 come after (prep.) - aana

- come down v. - konkolada-laata
 come erratically v. - birrisa-rifta
 come near v. - dhi'adha-aatta; hiiqa-hixxa
 come quickly v. - aariifadha
 come together v. - naanaha-noofta; walda'a-deeta
 coming (adv.) - gadhufu; n. - dhufa-ti; dhufisa-i
 commerce n. - daldala-i (Som.)
 committee n. - koomtee-ni
 communicate v. - dhageesisa-sifta
 community n. - uumata-i; warra-i; warreena-i
 companion n. - garayyuu-ni; fira-i; tolaa; miila-i; waheela-i
 compassion n. - bojuu-ni
 compel v. - gibirsa-siifta; mitissa-sifta
 compete v. - dogoma-mta; falama-mta; falma-mita; morka-kita
 competent (adj.) - mooti
 competition n. - dogomaa-ni; morka-i; morkachaa-ni
 complain v. - gadooda-dda; nyalla-nyalta
 complete, be v. - hobaha-baata
 completely (adv.) - dhiko; sukumi
 comportment n. - amala-i
 compound n. - kambii -ni (Eng)
 compress v. - shona-nta
 compulsion n. - mitoo-ni
 conceal v. - dhossa-sita
 concern n. - hidhanuu-ni; yaalicha
 conclude v. - cufa-cufta
 condemnation n. - mura-i; muransa-i
 conduct v. - oofa-oofta
 confer v. - kenna-kennita
 confidence n. - dhugeefachaa-ni
 confound v. - mamsiisa-siifta
 confused, be v. - jonja- jita; midhika-dhitta; bada-badda; goofisa-sifta; janja-jita
 confusion n. - wajaga-i
 congeal v. - kudhuba-da
 connivance n. - maltee-ni
 conquer v. - curda-dita; dabsadha-satta ; danqa-qita ; jaarsa-jaarsita
 conscience n. - beekumaa-ni; beeka-i
 consider v. - herrega-redda; laala-laalta; yaada-yaadda; kajeela -lta
 considerate (adj.) - naaso
 construct v. - jaara-rta; ijaara
 construct v. - kala -kalta
 consult v. - mariadha-riatta
 consultation n. - mariachaa-ni
 container n. - (for water) ammuyuu-ni; butee-ni; (wooden) dibbee-ni; ciicoo-ni

container n. (4 gallons) dhebee-ni; (for butter) - buudaa-ni;
 (for soda) kateela-i; killa-i; sh'oo-ni
 contemplate v. - herrega-redda; kajeela -lta; yaada-yaadda
 contempt n. - balfa-i ; tuffii-ni
 content, be v. - gammada-madda
 contest n. - falamaa-ni; lolla-lolta
 continue v. - fufa-fufta
 continue v. - unta-untita; guula-lta
 contract n. - kontoraata-i (Ital.)
 converse v. - hasaha-soofta
 convulsions, have v. - birbifadha-fatta
 cooked well v. - bilchaadha-chaata
 cooking pot n. - eelee-ni; sufuriaa-ni (Swa.); diftii; distii
 cool v. - kufa-kufta
 coolie n. - kulii-ni
 copper n. - sagaya-eeti
 copse n. - haafa-i
 copy v. - fakkeessa-sita
 cord n. - miseensa-i
 corner n. - konaa-ni (Engl); jiroo-ni (Ital.); dagalee-ni; rakkoo-ni; roga-i
 corpse n. - reefa-i
 corpulent (adj.) - tiira
 correct (adj.)- sirri; dhugaa
 correct v. - midhaassa-sita
 correct, be v. - diriira-rta
 correctly (adv.) - sirri; dhugaa; shonaani; sonaani; dhugumaa
 corrode v. - dandaha-doofta
 cost - n. gatii-ni
 cotton n. - jirbii-ni(Amh); shuufii-ni (Amh.)
 cotton plant n. - fuutaa-ni
 coucal (bird) n. - urdudee-ni
 cough v. qufaha-ta
 coughing n. - fe'uu-ni; gororsaa-ni; luuxa-i
 councilor n. - adullaa-ni
 count v. - heda-hedda; lakaha-koofta (Orom.); to'adha-atta
 counting n. - lakawaa-ni
 country n. (flat) - gaarjala-i; country(side) n. - badiaa-ni
 country person n. - nama badiaa; nama rayaa-ni (Swa.)
 courage n. - onnee-ni
 courageous, be - jabaadha, baatta
 cousin n. - dubbii-ni
 cover v. - daha-daata; - cubussa-sita; daboola-lta; diba-bda; suuqa-suuxxa;
 uyyisa-yifta; keeyyadha-atta; n. - gulubii-ni
 cover something v. - ilatefadha-fatta

- covet v. – dareena-nta
 cow n. - sa'a, (pl.) sa'awani; (young female) goroomsa-i; raada; looni
 coward n. – daafanaa-ni; dannabaa-ni
 coward, be v. - abeeba-bda
 cowbell n. - korree-ni; saankura-i
 cowdung n - (dry) kosii-ni; (wet) dhoqee; cancana
 cowhide n. - itillee-ni
 co-wife n. - massanuu-ni
 cowrie (shell) n. - eleelaani
 crack v. – baqaqa-qaxxa; basaqqa-saxxa; cira-cirta; falaxa-xxa;
 dhachisa-chifta; n. baqaqaa-ni; cabaa-ni
 crack, have v. – bututa, tutta
 cracked, be v. - falaana-nta; cita-citta
 crackle v. - baraqisa-qifta; kakisa -kifta; xaaxaha-xoofa
 crackling (sound) n. - wakii-ni
 cracklings n. - gugublee-ni
 cramps (of stomach) n. - maxana
 cranky, be v. - bitataha-toofta
 crave v. – dharaha-raata
 craving n. – dhawwa-dhoofa
 crawl v.– curruuqa-ruuxxa
 crazy person n. - maraataa-ni
 creak v. – baraqisa-qifta; kakisa -kifta
 create v. - uuma-ta
 creation n. - uumaa-ni; uumama-i
 crevice n. - gootuu-ni
 cricket n. - korophuu-ni
 cripple n. - naafa-i; v. naafisa-fifta
 crippled, be v. - kokotaha-toofta; okola-lta
 criticize v. tukiffadha-fatta
 croak v. - kaakkisa -kifta
 crocodile n. - nyaacha-i
 crook n. - mookoo-ni
 crooked, be v. - golompadha-fatta
 cross n. - masqala-i (Amh.); fannoo (Bor.)
 cross over v. - taakka-kita; dabra-barta; kara murre-murte
 cross, be v. – bitataha-toofta; bukana'a-noofta
 crotch n. - gombora-i ; kaaraa
 crouch v. - ripha-phta
 crow n. - haranqeessa-i
 crowd n. – beena-i; biyya-yiti; gumi; gubbaa-ni ; hedduu-ni; uumata-i
 crowd, be v. - guma-gumita; gobba-bita; tuuta'a-toofta; tucha-chita
 crowded (adj.) - mijuu
 cruel (adj.) - hammaa, hamtuu, hammoo

crumble v. – burkutaha-toofta; caccabsa-ita;; buburusa-sita
 crush v. – carassa-sita; hurrawa-roofta; macarsa-sita; tuma-tumta;
 urba-urbita
 crushed, be v. - busuqa-suxxa
 crust (of salt) n. - muludee-ni
 cry v. – boo'a-boota; nyonyola-lta
 cry loudly v. - wakala-lta
 cry out v. - kolissa-sita
 cub (lion) n. - kublee-ni
 culmination n. - mingaa-ni
 cup n. – buduunuu-ni; muduunuu-ni ; kokii-ni (Amh.); kokobee-ni; kubayee-ni
 curds n. – itituu-ni; (of camels) chuuchee-ni; kalbaa -ni
 cured, be v. - fayya-fayyita
 curls n. - martii-ni
 curse v. - arabsa-sita; n. – abaara
 curtain n. - sharankii-ni (Gab.)
 curve n. - mookoo-ni; daba-i
 cut (fodder) v.- oka'a-okeeta
 cut (the throat) v. - gorraha-rata
 cut n. - madaa-ni
 cut off v. - bassa-bassita; irraa mura-rta
 cut v. - (grass) haama-mta; (bush) cira-ta; cira-cirta; kuta-kutta; mura-murta
 cyst n. - xandacha-i

dagger n. – billahaa-ni; billawaa-ni
 daily (adv.) takhaan
 dais n. - madabbii-ni (Amh.)
 damage v. - madeessa-sita; nyaadha-nyaata; yakka-kita
 damp v. - qomora-rta; dhukuuda-kuutta; (adj.) jiida, jiitu,jiido
 dampen v. - dhukuusa-sita; quyisa-yifta; pers. quyifadha-fatta; - bilbila-lta
 dampness n. – dabana-i
 dance n. – sirba-i; v. sirba-bit; v. dhawwa-dhoofta
 dandruff n. - renjii-ni
 dangle v. - fanafadha-fatta; raraha-raata; rootisa-tifta
 dangling (thing) n. - soontoo-ni
 dark and dirty, be v. - leemaha-moofta
 dark and nice (thing) n. - kuula-i
 dark, become v. - bolgoda-dda; qaqa'a-qoofta
 darken v. - kuuladha-latta
 darkness n. - siphee-ni; dukkana-ti
 dash around v. - garmaama-mta
 date palm n. - meexii-ni
 daughter n. – dubra-dubarti; intala-lti

- dawn n. - barii; boruu-ni; n.- haachata-i; ganama-i; ; v. - bari'a-barita;
ganama-mta; haachata-chatta; bari'a-rita; iffa-ifta
- day n. - ardhaa-ni; guyyaa-ni
- day after tomorrow n. - iftaan
- daybreak n. - biiftuu-ni; ganama-i
- daylight n. - guyyaa-ni; orraa-ni; guyyaa guddaa
- death n. - du'iisa-i
- debt n. - liqee-ni(Amh.)
- decade n. - kurnya-i
- decay v. - shama-mta
- decayed v. - hofoofa-foofta
- deceit n. - sosobachaa-ni
- deceitful (person) n. - mixixama-i
- deceive v. - dogongora-rta; soba-bda; sosoba-bda; malteessa-sita
- decide v. - kuta-kutta; mariadha-riatta; mura-murta; itti mura-rta
- decision n. - maftii-ni (Amh.); marii-ni
- declare v. - baana-nta; diideesa-sita; hima-himta
- decorate v. - midhaassa-sita
- decrease v. - hamussa+jedha; v. - irraa mura-rta; kosa-kocca
- decree v. - seera-rta
- deep (adv.) - dheera; gadi; ga
- deepness n. - qilee-ni
- defeat v. - curda-dita; dabsadha-satta
- defend n. - cibra-rita; sima-simta
- defense n. - simaa-ni; simana-i
- deformation n. - madara-i
- defy v. - findhaara-rta; qiriba-bda; tura-turta
- deliberate v. - mariadha-riatta
- delicious, be v. - miyawa-yoofta
- deliver v. - kenna-kennita
- delivery n. - da'isa-i
- demolished v. - hofoofa-foofta
- demon n. - jinni-ni (Amh)
- den (hiding place) n. - aaroo, ni; goda-i; mandhee-ni
- dense vegetation n. - rima-i
- dense, be v. - gobba-bita; bora-borta
- dent n. - kakalawee -ni; mudhii-ni; v. mudheessa-sita
- dented, be v. - dhamooqa-mooxxa; mookadha-katta
- deny v. - dida-didda; kijjiba-bda
- depend on v. - abda, abdita
- despise v.- goyeessa-sita; qalada-ladda (Amh.)
- depopulate v. - onsa-sita
- depress v. mudheessa-sita

- depression n. – dareera-i; (small) n. - kolbaa-ni; - kakalawee -ni;
 kiliwee-ni; malbee-ni; malkaa-ni; mudhii-ni;
 deprive v. – dhabsiisa-siifta
 depth n. - dhidhima-i; dhimphuu-ni; qilee-ni
 deranged, be v. - midhika-dhitta
 descend v. - bua-buuta
 descendants n. - eegee-ni; miiloo-ni; maatii-ni; maayamaatii-ni
 desert n. - barayaa-ni; gammoojjii-ni; golboo-ni
 deserted place n. – alloo-ni
 deserted, be v. - ona-onta
 deserter n. - kaadaa -ni (Amh)
 desire v. – araadda-i; dareena-nta; daalaa-ni; v. daarima-mta; halcha-chita;
 mirqanna-nta; fedha-fetta; dharaha-raata; n. dharraa-ni; fedhii-ni
 despair v. - ufi jibadha-tta; abdi inqabu-bdu; n. - jibbaata-i
 despise v. – burungaha-goofa; balfa-fita; burungaha-goofa; miidha-miitta;
 tuffadha-fatta
 despising n. - qaldii-ni
 destiny n. – dhaacii-ni
 destitute v. - qolla'a-loofa; daara-rta
 destroy v. - laaba-laabda; qola-qolta; qunquma-mta; raawachiisa-chiifta;
 yakka-kita
 destroyed, be v. - raawadha-watta; dhuma-dhumta
 destructive, be v. - nyanyaha-yoofta; n. nyanyoo-ni
 detach v. - hiika-hitta
 detest v. – abaara-rta
 detour n. - martoo-ni
 devastate v. - onsa-sita
 develop v. – dagaga-gaada
 development n. - limaatii-ni (Amh.)
 devil n. - shexaana-i
 devious (person) n. - si'aasa-ni (Swa.)
 deviousness n. - si'aasaa-ni
 devoted to n. - marroo-ni
 dew n. - fixeesa-i
 dewlap n. - malulaa-ni; maala-i
 diarrhoea n. - albaatii
 diarrhoea, have v. – curra-rita; albaha-ta; ka'a-kaati gaaraa
 die v. – cicha-cichita; dua-doota; hobaha-baata
 different (adj.) - gargari
 difficult (situation) n. - hooloo-ni
 difficulty n. - dhiphuu-ni; dhiba; rakkoo-ni; nartii-ni (Amh.); raraha-i;
 difficulty v. have _____ rakkadha-katta; gaargala-lta; sababba-i;
 dig v. - qota-qotta
 digging n. - qotii-ni; qotiisa-i

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- dikdik n. - tarrii-ni
 diluted v. - soolaha-loofta; (adj.) soolicha, soolitti
 dim, be v. - wara'a-roofta; bcome _____ dimimiisa-miifta
 diminish v. - caba-bta ; kosa-kocca; luha-lutta ; qaqalladha-latta
 diminished, be v. - koolataha-toofta
 dim-witted n. - gowwaa-ni
 dip (medicine) n. - gandaa-ni
 dip v. - cuupha-phita
 dipper - n. - buduuqoo
 direct (adj.) - qajeela, qajeeltu, qajeelo; v. qeefadha-fatta
 direction n. kara -ni
 directly (adv.) - burunto (Ital.)
 dirt n. - xurii-ni; dibiqii-ni (Amh.)
 dirty (adj.) - xurawa, xurooftu, xurawo; be _____ v. - kotota-totta
 disagree v. - wal dida-didda
 disagreeable, be - v. haddhawa-dhoofta
 disagreement n. - ababaha; wal badii
 disappear v. - cali + jedha; bada-badda; (suddenly) - futuqa-tuxxa
 disapprove v. - balfa-fita
 disbelieve v. - ciicadha-catta; seessa-sita
 discord n. - wal badii
 discourage v. - balfisiisa-sifta
 discover v. - arga-gita
 discuss v. - qora-qorta
 discussion n. - marii-ni; marumaa-ni
 disdain n. - tuffii-ni
 disgrace v. - ceersa-sita; qaaneessa-sita (Amh.)
 disgust n. - balfa-i; v. - balfa-fita
 disgusted, be v. - lilikha-litta
 dish n. - sahanii-ni (Swa.)
 dishonest (adj.) - hammaa, hamtuu, hammoo
 dishonestly, behave v. - ofadha-fatta
 disintegrate v. - baqa, baxxa
 disinterested v. - irriha-rita
 dislike n. - lolochiaa-ni; v. - бага-badda; busheefadha-fatta; didaha-doofta;
 jibba-jibbita; qoxxisa-xxifta
 dislocate v. - miliqa-lixxa
 dislocated v. - buqa'a-qaata; n. - meeluu-ni; v. meeladha-latta
 dislocation n. - buqa'a-ni
 dismantle v. - diiga-diidda
 disoriented, be - janja-jita
 dispersed, be v. - firfirfama-mta
 disposition n. - amala-i; miira-i
 dispute v. - falama-mta; falma-mita; n. falamaa-ni; morma-mita; morooma-mta;

- disrespect v. – ceeqadha-qatta; tufadha-ta
 dissolve v. – baqa, baxxa; bulbula-lta; dhuuba-bda
 distance (adv.) - haloola; at a _____ qorro
 distant (adv.) - fagoo; qalaama-i
 distended, be v. - xillibba'a-boofa
 distinct (adj.) - gargari
 distort v. - falfala-lta
 distracted, be v. - irranfadha-fatta
 distribute v. - hirra-hirta; qooda-qoodda
 distribution n. - qooda-i
 distrust v. – ciicadha-catta
 disturb v. – caacursa-sita ; cunqursa-sita; tuqa-tuxxa; laaba-laabda;
 disturb v. - makharsa-sita; xaaxaha-xoofa
 disturbance n. - baqaa-ni; xaaxaa-ni
 disturbed, be v. - bakaka-katta; goofisa-sifta
 ditch n. - boola-iti
 dive v. - lixa-lixxa
 divide v. - firfirsasita; firfita-fitta; foo'a-ta; fotoqa-toxxa; kuta-kutta;
 qooda-qoodda
 divided, be v. – cita-citta
 divination n. - faala-i
 division n. - qooda-i
 dizziness n. - xiraa-ni
 dizzy, be v. - wareera-rta
 do v. - goodha-dhatta (Shoa) ; tolcha-chita
 do again v. - lammeessa-sita
 do bad things v. - falfala-lta
 do quickly (adv.) shafi (used with jedha)
 do rapidly v. - sampha-phita
 docile (adj.) - kasso
 doctor n. – (traditional) cirreessa-I; doktor (Eng.); daktarii (Swa.)
 dodder v. - leleqa-lexxa
 dog n. – sarree-ni; cuqaa-n; sologee-ni
 donkey n. - harree-ni; (stallion) - moochoo-ni; foal n. - bukura-i ;
 (female) bukee-ni
 door n. - sanqaa-ni (Amh.); balbala; korboo-ni
 doorjamb n. - mikikila-i
 doorway n. - balbala-ti
 dossier n. – doosii-ni (Fr.)
 double v. - lammeessa-sita
 doubled n. (something) - miirree-ni
 doubt v. - busheefadha-fatta; seessa-sita; seessefadha-fatta;
 n. - bonbontii-ni; tantammii-ni
 dove n. - saphaliisa-i

- downpour (of rain) n. - tamna
 dowry n. - qarata-i
 doze v. - hirriiba-bda; hochiisa-chiifta; muga- mudda
 drag v. - tirsā-sita
 draw a line v. - taraara-rta
 draw close v. - hiiqa-hixxa
 draw out v. - baasa-baafta
 draw water v. - too'a-toota; waraaba-bda
 draw-bar n. - gindaa; mofara-i (Amh.)
 dread n. - sodaa-ni
 dream n. - daayyaa-ni; objuu-ni; v. - objadha-jatta
 dress up v. - fefadha-fatta
 dress v. - keeyyadha-yatta; n. - (leather) gorfoo-ni; (of leather) - gabbara-i;
 wayaa
 dribble v. - goroora-rta; gilgila-lta
 drink v. - dhuga-dhudda; liqimsa-sita
 drinking glass n. - burchuqoo-ni (Amh.)
 drip v. - biifa-fta; cophā-cophxa; dhimpha-phita
 drive away v. - gussa-gussita
 drive v. - oofa-oofa; sulcha-chita
 drizzle v. - gilgila-lta; n. - ebelee-ni; gilgil; qachacha-i; sorroo-ni
 drool v. - goroora-rta; lolochia-chita
 drop n. - cophaa-ni
 droppings n. - buruurii-ni
 drought n. - bona-i; oolaa-ni
 drown v. - liqimisa-sita
 drowsiness n. - muusoo-ni
 drowsy, be v. - muga-mudda; (adj.) muga, mudda, muga;
 muusaha-soofta
 drum (metal) n. - barmeela-i; barmeena-i (Swa.); dibbee-ni
 drum v. - dhawwa-dhoofta
 drunk, be v. - macha'a-choofta
 dry n. - gorma (Amh.); _____ (completely) v. - qawwisa-wifta; kafafa -fta;
 boneessa-sita; goga-godda; gossa-sita; xoolaga-laadda
 dry area n. - barayaa-ni
 dry season n. - bona-i
 dry, be v. - buka'a-kaata
 dry, become v. - qorqooraha-roofta; gu'a-guta
 duiker n. - (red) abrojii-ni - see abroolee; kuruphee-ni
 dull (adj.) - dooma; sigiga, sigiddu, sigigo
 dumplings n. - kurkurfaa-ni (Konso)
 dung n. - faandoo-ni; udaani
 dusk, become - dimimiisa-miifta; bolgoda-dda; n. galgala-i

dust n. - awaara; sha'ee-ni; dibiqii-ni (Amh.); bubuka;
 dhukee-ni; ruruma-i; ruusoo-ni
 dust v. - haxaha-xata
 dustpan n. - harmoo-ni
 dusty, be v. - buka'a-kaata
 dusty, become v. - hurantaha-toofta; burquqa-xxa; burquqaha-qoofta;
 dhukawwa-koofta
 dwarf n. - ruphaa-ni
 dwarfish (adj.) - tuura
 dwell v. -jira- jirta
 dye (red) n. - machallaa-ni
 dye v. - halla-lita; hallu-ni
 dynamite n. - baruda-i

each one n. - namuu-ni
 eagle n. - risaa-ni
 ear n. - gurra-i; (of sheep) n. - nyuura-i
 earlobe n. - nyabaa-ni
 earnestly (adv.) - shonaani, sonaani
 earth n. - biyyee-ni; lafa-ti
 earthworm n. - dubriisa-i
 earwax n. - gurra-i; guurii-ni
 east n. - boroo-ni
 easy (adj.) dhedhanno
 eat v. - nyaada-ta; rumma-rumta; well v. - gaadha-gaatta;
 _____ (greedily) v. - raama-ta;
 _____ (too much) v. - quranqurawa-roofta;
 echo n. - hogaa-ni; echo v. - giria-sifta; qilisa-lifta; n. qileesa-i
 economize v. - qusadha-satta
 edge n. - edeeda-i; raraatoo-ni;; qarqara-i; gombisa-i; fitee-ni; giraaba-i;
 qarree-ni;
 egg n. - buuphaa-ni, okokaani
 eight n. + adj. - sadeeti
 eighth n. - sadeeteessoo-ni
 eighty n. - sadeetama
 ejaculate v. - naqa-naxxa
 elastic, be v. - huruffaha-foofta
 elbow n. - ciqilee-ni
 elderly n. - (person) jaarsa-i; jaartii-ni (pl.) jaroollee-ni- jaroota-ti
 elect v. - kuradhaa-dhoofta
 elephant n. - arba-i; dannabaa-ni; _____ calf n. - rodisa-i
 elope v. - hawasha-wadda; heeruma-mta
 elopement n. - heeruma-i

- emaciated, become v. - haaladha-latta
 embankment n. - edeeda-i; goobsoo-ni
 embarrass v. - ceersa-sita; qaaneessa-sita (Amh.); dhiba-dhibda;
 dhajjifadha-fatta
 embarrassed, be - ceera, rta; luuxaha-xoofa; luuxaha-xoofa
 embarrassing, do v. - faffaha-faffoofta
 emerge safely v. - qobadha-batta
 empty, be v. - barbadda'a-doofa; ona-onta; qullawa-loofa;
 (adj.) duwwa; qullaa; sigiga, sigiddu, sigigo; sulla
 encircle v. - marsa-sita
 encircled, be - gingeesa-sita
 enclosure n. - gola-ti; maraa-ni; moonaa-ni
 end n. - mummee-ni; v. mummaha-moofa; mingaa-ni; qitisuu-ni; qota-i;
 qutisuu-ni
 end part n. - eegee-ni
 end v. - fita-fitta
 endurance n. - obsa-i; obsaa-ni
 endure v. - obsa, obsita
 enemy n. - nyaapha-i; siddii-ni
 energetic (adj.) - jabaa, jadbuu, jaboo; (pl.) jajjabaa
 enjoy v. - gammada-madda
 enlarge v. - hiifadha-fatta
 enmity n. - ormooma-i
 enormous n. - bachaa-ni (Guji); waan guddoo
 ensete n. - qaancha-i (Amh.); warqii
 enslave v. - booji'a-jita
 enter v. - duuda; seena-nta
 entertainment n. - kofalchiisaa-ni
 entrails n. - marumaani
 entrance n. - afaan
 entrust v. - kenna-kennita
 enumerate v. - to'adha-atta
 envelope n. - postaa-ni (Ital.)
 envy v. - qoxxisa-xxifta; n. qoxxee-ni; hinaafaa-ni
 ephemeral fever (cattle) n. - buta-i
 equal n. - wadhakkaa-ni; qixxee
 era n. - bara; jabanna-i; hojjaa-ni
 erect v. - dhaaba-dhaabda; (adj.) - looko
 erectness n. - huriisa-i
 err v. - lufa-lufta; wallaala-lta
 erupt v. - farqadha-qatta
 escape n. - baqa-i; ba'iisa-i; fitee-ni; v. - duraa ba'a-baata; jalaa ba'a-baata;
 duraa mura-rta; fiiga-fiidda; miliqa-lixxa
 escort n. - waheela-i

- esophagus n. - liqimsaa-ni
 establish v. - qubadha-batta; teessisa-sifta
 esteem n. - saala-i; v. - saada-saadda
 et cetera - -faa (suffix)
 eunuch n. - mureessa-i
 euphorbia n. - adama, harkeena; hangayyaa-ni; finger euphorbia – aanoo;
 harkeena
 evade v. - duraa ba'a-baata; jalaa ba'a-baata
 evaporate v. – damfa-fita
 evaporation n. - aara-i
 evasion n. - miliqa-i; baqa-i
 evasive (person) n. - mixixama-i
 even - -lle (suffixed to a noun.); even if - when added to a verb
 even if, even though – ado+lle
 evening n. - galgala-i
 everybody n. - namuu-ni
 everything n. – cufa-ti; jiblaa-ni (Amh.); jimla
 evil (adj.) - hammaa, hamtuu, hammoo
 evil (person) n. - gudaabee-ni
 evil eye n. - budaa-ni; buda-ti; dhora-ti
 evil spirit n. - jinnii-ni (Amh.); shexaana-i
 evildoer n. - mookicha-i; haraamticha-i
 exactly (adv.) - uma (suffix); qixxee
 exaggerate v. – boonsa-sita; wirsa-sita; gumbisa-fta
 examination n. - fatana-i (Amh.); ilaalachaa-ni
 examine v. - ilaala-lta; marmaara-rta; midhaafadha-fatta
 example n. - fakkeena-i; falakeesa-i; qota-i; raraha-i; roga-i
 exasperate v. - hifachiisa-chiifta
 exasperated, be v. – aara-rta
 excavate v. - qota-qotta
 excavation n. - qotii-ni; qotiisa-i
 exceed v. – caala-lta
 excel v. – caala-lta
 excellent (adj.) - fullaa
 except (prep.) - malee
 exchange v. - gurgura-rta; jijjira -rta
 excite v. - laaba-laabda
 excited, be v. – buraqa-raxxa; cekkisa-kifta; mirqaana-nata; rifadha-fatta;
 wareera-rta
 excitement n. - koqisa-i; rifachaa-ni
 excreta n. - udaani
 excused, be v. - dhiifama-mta
 exhale v. – aara-rta
 exhaust v. - fita-fitta; ijeesssa-ijeefita

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exhausted, be v. - mamarqama-mta; dadhabba-bda; gagaba-bda
 existence n. - adunyaa-ni ; jira -jirta
 expand v. - buupha-phta;; tiibba'a-boofta
 expect v. - eega-eedda
 expectation n. - eegachaa-ni
 expert (about horses) n. - boquu-ni
 expert n. - fuundii-ni (Swa.); ogeessa-i
 explain v. - diideesa-sita
 explode v. - dibbisa-bifta; tokka'a-kaata (Amh.)
 exploiter n. - nyaatuu-ni
 explosion n. - billa-i (Amh.); bombii-ni; dibbeesa-i; dibbiisaa-ni; dibla-liti
 express v. - maladha-latta
 extend v. - diriirsa-sita; unta-untita
 extensive, be v. - galma-galmita
 exterminate v. - rawachiisa-chiifta
 exterminated v. - raawadha-watta
 exterminated. be v. - dhuma-dhumta
 extinguish v. - dhaamfa-fita
 extremity n. - fiixee-ni
 exult v. - faarsa-sita
 exzema, contagious n. - adarraa-ni, a disease of cattle
 eye (swollen) n. - bokkoo-ni
 eye n. - ila-ilti
 eye socket n. - jeema-i
 eyeglasses n. - mititirii-ni
 eyelet n. - funaleessa-i

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face n. - fuula-i
 factory n. - fabrikaa-ni (Ital.)
 fade v. - xoolaga-laadha
 faeces n. - udaani
 fail v. - dhaba-bda; baadha-baatta; dhibaadha-baatta; hanqadha-qatta; jiga-jidda
 fail one's duty v. - babadeessa-sita
 faint v. - gagaba-bda; (adj.) - coora-i
 fair (adj.) - culluu
 faith n. - dhugeefachaa-ni; amantii-ni
 fake v. - buxuula-lta
 falcon n. - qoree-ni
 fall v. - bua, buuta; qaari'a-rita; jiga-jidda; konkolada-laata
 falsify v. - jijjira -rta
 falter v. - silala-ta
 fame n. - gurra-i
 familiarity n. - geerumaa-ni

- family n. - warra-i; warreena-i
 famine n. - beela-ti
 fan n. - hafarree-ni
 fang n. - gaadee-ni
 far (adv.) - fago (of time or space)
 far away (adv.) - dhidhima-i
 farmer n. - gabbaree-ni (Amh.)
 fart n. - shikee-ni; dhuufa-i; v. shikisa-shikicca; koka-kotta; dhuufa-ta
 fast v. - agaaba-bda -ni; burunto (Ital.)
 fasten v. - fanissa-nifta
 fastened v. - xurifama-mta
 fasting n. - agabuu-ni; xoomii-ni (Amh.)
 fat (adj.) - gabba, gabbo, gabbo; n. _____ (around the stomach) n. - moora-i;
 cooma-i; dhadhaa-ni; qorra-i; fat (of throat) - qunee-ni;
 _____ (person) - kotomboola-i
 fat, be v. - dhofaha-foofta; dhodhofaha-foofta; dhofoka-fotta; kulalaha-loofta
 father n. - abbaa-ni
 fatherhood n. - abbooma-i
 fatness n. - gabbina-i
 fatty (adj.) - cooma, coomtu
 fault n. - yakka-ni
 fear n. - birraa-ni; sooda; bokaraa-ni; bokarfachaa-ni; v. bokeefadha-fatta;
 bakaakaa-ni; birradha-ratta; naasuu-ni; rifachaa-ni; sodaa-ni; umna-i;
 koolee-ni; koolawaa-ni; giddaha-doofta; laga-ladda; nyaraha-raata;
 saalfadha-fatta
 fearful, be v. - na'a-naata
 fearlessness n. - jannooma-i; jannuuma-i
 feather n. - koola-i
 feeble (thing or person) n. - laacaa-ni
 feeble, be v. - mujuja-mujujja; qodhabaha-boofta; soonso'a-soofta
 feeble, become v. - qerebadha-batta; n. _____ animal - qerebaa-ni;
 qerebduu-ni
 feebleness n. - lulama-i; lulamaa-ni
 feed v. - gololca-chita; soora-rta
 feeding n. - golola-i
 feel better v. - bayanadha-natta; miira-miirta
 feel unwell v. - golgolaha-loofta
 feelings n. - ribuu-ni
 female donkey n. - bukee-ni
 fenugreek n. - fixoo-ni
 fermented, be v. - buka'a-koofta
 fertile place n - rifanoo-ni
 fertile, be v. - haawwoma-mta; hosooba-bda
 fetch v. - fuddha-fuuta; fida-fidda (Amh.); (water) v. - dhaacha-chita;

- fetters n. - haabbaassa-i (Amh.)
 fever n. - qandhoo-ni
 feverish, be v. - qandhadha-dhatta
 few (adj.) - gari; saara-i
 field n. - obru; masaa-ni (Amh.)
 fifty n. - shantama-i
 fig tree n. - odaa-ni
 fight n. - lolla-i
 figs (wild) n. - qilxaa-ni
 file (metal) n. - shiifa; sofaa-ni (Amh.); masagaba-i (Amh.); moroda-i (Amh.)
 fill v. - cubussa-sita; _____ (up) v. - tinfa-fita (for solids)
 fill a hole v. - suxa-suxxa; duucha-chita; guuta-guutta; quubsa-sita
 filled, be v. - conaha-noofta; quufa-fita
 film n. - qoofiraa-ni
 filter v. - dhimbiiba-bda; n. dhimbiiboo-ni
 filth n. - xurii-ni
 filthy (adj.) - xurawa, xurooftu, xurawo
 filthy, be v. - kodhofaha-foofta
 final (thing) n. - qitisuu-ni
 final decision n. - mummee-ni
 final one n. - qitisuu-ni
 financial loss n. - kasaraa-ni (Swa.)
 find v. - arga-gita; mullisa-lifta
 fine n. - gatii-ni; qitaatii-ni (Amh.); qakhee-ni
 finger n. - quba-i
 fingernail n. - qeencha-i
 finish (a case) v. - itti mura-rta
 finish v. - buufadha-fatta; fita-fitta; keessaa ba'a-baata; mummaha-moofta;
 mummeessa-sita; qola-qolta; qunquma-mta; n. qutisuu-ni
 finished v. - laayyuu, to form the past perfect;
 _____ completely v. - mutuqa-tuxxa;
 (adj.) - muluuqi; dhuma-dhumta; dhumadha-mattta ; hobaha-baata
 fire n. - ibidda-i
 firefly n. - bilituu-ni
 firesticks n. - uchuma-ti
 firewood n. - qoraani
 firing pin n. - qulaa-ni
 firm, be v. - bora-borta
 first(ly) (adv.) - qara; tokkeesso
 first thing n. - matooma-i
 first-born n. -(son) angafa-I
 fish n. - qurxummii-ni
 fist n. - tantoomoo-ni; tantoomuu-ni
 five n. (adj.) - shani

- flame n. - ibidda-i; bobaha-i
 flap n. - gurra-i
 flash v. - hanga'a-gaata; ibsa-sita
 flashlight n. - batterii-ni (Eng.)
 flat, be v. - haffalaha-loofta
 flatten v. - looba-bda; luceesa-sita
 flatulate v. - koka-kotta; dhuufa-ta
 flay v. - dhubissa-bifta
 flea n. - taffii-ni
 flee v. - fiiga-fiidda; soka-kita; xillisa-sita
 flesh n. - fooni; radduu-ni
 flicker v. - liphisa-phifta
 flight n. - baqa-i; barrisaa-ni; reebuu-ni
 flood v. - farqadha-qatta; lollaha-laata; n. lollaa-ni
 flour n. - (wheat) duqe; burkii-ni; (maize) boshee-ni;
 _____ (in general) - daakuu-ni
 flourish v. - sararfadha-fatta
 flow v. - madda-maddita; yaa'a-yaata
 flower(s) n. - daraaraa-ni; obooraa-ni
 flutter v. - holladha-latta
 fly n. - bokee-ni; sorondiisa-i; tiite-ni; hiddaa-ni
 fly out v. - finiina-nta
 fly v. - barrisa-rifta; xuyyuura-rta
 fly whisk n. - dhowwaa-ni
 foal n. - (of donkey) bukura-i
 foam n. - hoomacha-i
 fodder n. - oka'a-i
 foetus n. - rimaha-i; rimaya-i
 fog n. - hurii-ni
 foggy, be v. - huraha-roofta
 foggy, become v. - hurantaha-toofta
 follow closely v. - himaana-nta
 follow v. - boona-nta; hordooffa-fta; reeba-bda
 following (prep.) - gula
 food n. - sagalee-ni, anqarsa-ni (first food given to a newborn baby);
 _____; for journey - wareega-i; n. - soora-ti
 fool n. - daallee-ni; monyii-ni (Amh.); gadareesa-i; roodaa-ni
 foolish (adj.) - gowwa
 foot n. - miila-i
 foot and mouth disease n. - gaandilee-ni; oyallee-ni
 foot of mountain n. - wadaa-ni
 footprint n. - faana-ti
 for - -fi (suffix)
 for instance - -faa (suffix)

- for reason that (conj.) - qooda+fi
 for you - sii (dative)
 forbid v. - dhoqqa-dhowwita; dhowwarta-dhorta
 force v. - gibirsa-siifta; sulcha-chita; ukuma-mita (Amh.); xixa-xixxa;
 n. - irree-ni
 ford n. - malkaa-ni
 forearm n. - dhundhumoo-ni; irree-ni
 forecast v. - faga-fadda
 forefather n. - abbaaboo-ni
 forehead n. - adda-iti
 foreigner n. - ferenji-ni (Amh.);
 foreleg n. - harka-i; irree-ni
 foresee v. - faga-fadda; raaga-raadda
 foreskin n. - qolofa-i
 forest n. - (dense) bassa-i; cakka-i (Amh.); danqaraa, raasaa.
 forestall v. - firisa-rifta
 foretell v. - raaga-raadda
 forget v. - coora-coorta; irranfadha-fatta
 forgetful, be v. - wagaggaha-goofa
 forgive v. - araraama-mta
 forgiveness n. - bojuu-ni
 fork n. - kaaraa; dhanquu-ni; ____ for eating - shuka-i
 fork v. - bargafadha-fatta
 forked n. - kabeeloo -ni
 form (good) n. - foormii-ni (Ital.)
 formerly (adv.) - qara
 fortify v. - dhikissa-sita
 fortunate (adj.) - badhaadha, badhaatu, badhaadha; milkawa-koofa
 fortune n. - dhaacii-ni; gaara-i; milkii-ni; kaayoo-ni; ayaana-i
 forward v. - erga-gita
 foster (parent) n. - gayya-ni
 foul-smelling n. - burantaa-ni
 foundation n. - hunda-i; yayyaba-i
 four n. (adj.) - abraanu, afuri
 foursome n. - abraanuu
 fourth n. (adj.) - abreesso, afreesso
 fox n. - gedala-ti; bat-eared ____ maddaa-ni
 fractured v. - busuqa-suxxa
 fragile (adj.) - happhi; qafiifa
 fragrance n. - ulaa-ni
 fragrant, be v. - urg'a-goofa
 frail (adj.) - happhi; qafiifa
 frail, be v. - wintaha-tooofa
 frame (wicker) n. - manoo-ni

francolin n. - caaqarrii-ni; gororii-ni; cuuquruu-ni
 frantic, be v. - wareera-rta
 fraud n. - sosobachaa-ni
 free v. - hiika-hitta
 freed, be v. - baafama-mta
 freedom n. - (Orom.) bilisumaa-ni; balchumaa; ba'iisa-i; dhiifama-i; dhiisama-i
 frequency n. - guddina-i
 fresh (adj.) - qabana, qabantu, qabana; qabanawwwa, qabanooftu, qabana'o
 fresh (thing) n. -kachuu -ni
 fresh, be v. - bosoona-nta; faltaha-toofta
 freshness n. - qabana-nti
 Friday n. - arbii-ni
 friend n. - fira-i; garayyuu-ni; tolaa-ni; toltuu-ni
 fright n. - gugachaa-ni; murgama-i; sodaa-ni; umna-i
 frighten v. - lubbeessa-sita ; naasisa-sifta; rifachiisa-chiifta; sodaachisa-chifta;
 xixa-xixxa
 frightened, be v. - cicha-cichita; murgama-mta; rifadha-fatta
 frisk v. - garmaama-mta
 frog n. - raacha-i
 frolic v. - garmaama-m-nita; sambaaba-bda
 from (prep.) - haga
 from above (prep.) - irraa
 from what place? - garami?
 from where? - me?
 front n. - fuula-i
 front room n. - badaa-ni
 froth n. - hoomacha-i
 fruit n. - midhaani
 fry v. - kalankalla-lta
 fulfill v. - guuta-guutta
 fulfilled v. - laayyuu, to form the past perfect
 full (adj.) - mijuu; xili
 fumigate v. - qoraasa-raafta
 function poorly v. (caus.) - moosa-sita
 fungus n. - marqoo-ni
 funnel n. - dhimbiiiboo-ni
 fur n. - rifeensa-i
 furrow n. - boii-ni
 future (adv.) - egeri; eegee-ni; in the _____ takaa tana
 fuzz n. - biilaa-ni

- gadaa-ni n. The Borana generational class system; (cf.) daballee,
 gammee, kuusa, raaba didiqqaa, raaba gugurdaa; gadaa,
 yuuba, gadaamoojjii
- gallon container n. - rubaa-ni (Amh.)
- gang together v. - suurkaha-koofa
- gap n. – baqaqa-ni ; boroqa-i; - fuloo-ni; (between teeth) - karruu -ni; qaa'a-i;
 seelee-ni
- garden n. - obru; masaa-ni (Amh.)
- garlic n. - qulubii-ni
- gate n. - sanqaa-ni (Amh.); korbo
- gateway n. - balbala-ti; karra -it
- gather together v. - tuuta'a-toofa; tucha-chita
- gather v. – dira-dirta (always with wal); naanaha-noofa; naaneessa-sita;
 walti ba'a-baata
- gathering n. - waldeenna-i
- gazelle n. - hiddii-ni
- gelding n. - kolaa-ni; mirgoo-ni
- generation n. - miseensa-i
- generosity n. - holaa-ni
- generous (person n. - lamsa-i (Guji); (person) – arjaa-ni ; balchaa-ni; tolaa-nii;
 toltuu-ni
- generous, be v. - tola-tolta
- genes n. - fincaani
- genet n. - moree-ni
- genitals n. - kofa-i; (male) - misaa-ni
- gently (adv.) - suuta; laanuma
- gerenuk n.- guguuftoo-ni
- germ n. - sanyii-ni' (Amh.)
- germinate v. - biqila-lta; qunxa-xita
- gesticulate v. - wila-wilita
- get lost v. – algala-lta
- get out of trouble v. - dhibaafadha-fatta
- get used to v. - mataqa-taxxa; matafadha-fatta
- ghost n. - ekeraa-ni
- gift n. - faroo (milkii); gumaata-i; khaatoo-ni; shelemaatii-ni (Amh.); galata
- giraffe n. - satawwaa-ni
- girl n. – dubra-dubarti
- give v. - hirra-hirta; kenna, kennita
- glade n. – batala-ti; baqalla-ti
- glance n. - liphee-ni
- gland n. - xandacha-i
- glans penis n. - maatee-ni
- glass (for drinking) n. – burchuqoo-ni; bakeerii-ni (Amh.)
- glisten v. - fiila-fiilta

glitter – v. bibiliqa-lixxa; billiqa-lixxa; calalaqa-laxxa; qanqaa-ni
gloomy, be n. – bolgoda-dda; kumuda-dda; huraha-roofta
gloomy, become v. - bolgoda-dda
glory n. - guddina-i
glossy n. – dooqa-i; doti
glow n. - qaanqee-ni
glow-worm n. - bilituu-ni
glutton n. – afuuraa-ni, sabdii-ni ; bukicha-i; ; boolicha-i; boolittii-ni;
bukittii-ni; garaadee-ni; agarii
gluttony n. – bukittii-ni; agari; sabdii-ni
gnat n. - bokee-ni
gnaw v. - qorra-rta; qorradha-ratta
gnawing n. - qorraa-ni
go v. – dhaqa-dhaxxa; deema-mta; yaa-ta
go! – beeni, pl. beena; deemi, deema
go! (imperative) - meeni!; meenaa!; beeni!-beena!;
go around v. - qixisa-xifta
go away! - kuti!
go back and forth v. - soloola-lta; sololaha-laata
go down v. - bua-buuta; lixa-lixxa
go near v. - dhi'adha-aatta
go off v. – algala-lta; (food spoiling) qamansa-sita
go out v. - ba'a-baata; yaasa-yaafta
go up v. - ol ba'a-baata
goat n. - (young male) korbeesa-i; (pl.) korbeeyyii-ni; qobolee-ni; sangaa re'ee
elaba-i; lalleesa-i; ree-ni (both sheep and goats)
goat enclosure n. - qaara-i; dhoqooba
goatskin n. - qoola-i
go-away bird n. - waayyuguutoo-ni
God n. - Waaqa; Rabbii-ni
going out n. - ba'iisa-i
gold n. - warqii-ni (Amh.)
gonorrhea n. – coftuu-ni
good (adj.) - qajeela, qajeeltu, qajeelo; mooti; fullaa;
midhaaga, midhaadu, midhaago; wayya
good (person or thing) n. – dabboo-ni
good condition n.- suga-i; v. - wardaha-deeta; martaha-toofta
good fortune n. -kaayoo -ni
good life n. - meela-i
good place n. - miriga-i
good things n. - faaya-i
good time n. - miriga-i
goodness n. – dansuma-ti; holaa-ni; midhaaguma-ti
gorge n. - balee-ni ; horraa-ni; rakkoo-ni

gossip n. - hamma-ti
 gourd n. - balka-i; dullooo-nicloud - dumaansa-i;
 (for weddings) - baaree-ni; (small) qabee-ni; buqee-ni; balka-i
 governor n. - mohaa-ni
 grab v. - buta-butta; qola-qolta; saama-mta; sakaba-bda
 grace n. -kaayoo -ni
 grade n. - kifilii-ni
 grain n. - boqoloo-ni (Amh.); kartuu-ni; midhaani; sanyii-ni (Amh.)
 granary n. - kodhoo-ni; gootaraa-ni (Amh.)
 grandfather, grandchild n. - akaakuu-ni
 grandmother, grandchild n. - akkoo-ni
 grasp v. - tindhisa-dhifita
 grass n. - buyyoo-ni; marra-ni; alaansuu-ni (the first grass which comes up after
 the rains begin); micicaa-ni; (fresh and abundant) - misa-i
 grasshopper n. - dhiitabulee-ni; korophuu-ni
 gratify v. - quubsa-sita
 gratitude n. - galata-i
 gravedigger n. - awwaaldiiduu-ni
 gravel n. - cirracha-i
 graze v. - boba'a-baata; dheeda-dheedda
 grazing n. - maaruu-ni; tika-i
 greasy, be v. - xunxuna-nta
 greatness n. - guddina-i
 greedy, be v. - sakaba-bda
 green (adj.) - doti
 green vegetable n. - raafuu-ni
 green, be v. - hosooba-bda
 greeting n. - yooyyoo-ni
 grenade n.- bombii-ni
 grey - (adj.) (dark) bulee; boora; magaadoo
 grieve v. - qarcha'a-chaata
 grill v. - ruruuqa-xxa; wadda-waddita
 grin v. - qumaada-dda
 grind v. - qara-qarta; qara'a-raata
 grinding mill n.- woofchoo-ni (Amh.)
 grinding stone n. - majjii-ni (Amh.); dhakaa daakuu
 grip v. - birdifadha-fatta; habooqa-booxxa; qadhaba-dba
 gripping n. - qaftuma-i
 grit v. - ciniinadha-natta
 groan v. - waadha-waatta
 groin n. - mudanmuddii-ni
 gross (as in grossly fat) n. - arfuuqa-i
 group n. - gumi; daga-daddi; - citaha-i; gollii-ni; (of ten) n. - kurnya
 group together v. - suurkaha-koofta; citaha-toofta

grow v. – barduma-mta; ba'a-baata; qunxa-xita
 grow well v. - firawa-firoofta
 growl v. - waadha-waatta; gururia-rita
 grown-up v. – cima-cimta
 growth (fresh) n. - fura-i
 growth n. - waciba-i
 grudge n. - kootoo-ni; haaloo
 gruel n. - uujii-ni
 grumble v. - gunguma-mta; gururia-rita; nyalla-nyalta
 grunt v. - bokamsa-sita; waadha-waatta
 guard v. - eega-eedda; qorqora-rta; tissa- sita; salfa-fita
 guest n. - keessumaa-ni
 guide v. – ayiisa-ayiifta
 guilty, be v. - yakka-kita
 guineafowl n. - solooliaa-ni
 gully n. - bohaa-ni; bowwaa-ni; dolollo-ni ; gootuu-ni
 gulp v. - dhudaha-daata; habuuqa-buuxxa
 gummy v. - hodanaha-noofta
 gums (red, of mouth) n. - mulloo-ni
 gun powder n. – baruda-i
 gunshot n. – dibbeesa-i; dibbiisaa-ni
 gush v. - madda-maddita
 guzzle v. - dhudaha-daata

(hand)bag n. - marraa-ni; saanxaa-ni (Amh.)
 habit n. - amala-i
 hack v. - kaakkisa -kifta
 haemorrhoids - qormaddee-ni
 hair n. – refeensa-I; body hair – bunjii-ni; dabassaa; (curly) n. - martii-ni;
 (fringe) gammee-ni; (short and brisly) kinaa-ni
 hairpin bend n. - sokharee-ni
 hairstyle n. - mataa-ni; (ceremonial) guduruu-ni
 hairy, be v. - qiicha'a-choofta
 half n. - wahakkaa-ni; quntaa-ni; qumtaa-ni (Amh.)
 halter v. - faxooro-rta (cover the face); n. - fuuloo-ni; noonioo-ni; noonoo-ni;
 faxooroo
 hammer n. - burisa-i; madoshaa; v. - tuma-tumta
 hand n. - harka-i
 handcart n. - gaarii-ni; konyee-ni
 handkerchief n. - maharaabii-ni (Swa.); maraabii-ni; bututuu-ni
 handle - n. karaara -i; fannoo-ni; (of axe) - suka-keeti
 handsome (adj.) - midhaaga-dhaadha; n. - qalaamaa-ni
 hang v. - fanissa-nifta; fanifadha-fatta; rarahara-raata

- happen v. - ta'a-taata
 happiness n. - nagaa-nageeni; nagaya; qilixama-i; qilixamsuu-ni
 happy, be v. - buraqa-raaxxa; gammada-madda; qilixama-mta
 harass v. - gaalla-lta
 hard (thing) n. - siidaa-ni
 hard, be v. - qulmuuda-dda; sibra-brita
 harden v. - sibrisiisa-siifta
 hare n. - hileensa-i
 harm n. - eebee-ni
 harmed, be v. - elaha-loofta
 harsh (voice v. - hichinnawa-noofta
 hartebeest n. - qorkee-ni
 harvest v. - mura-murta; muradha-ratta; n. mura-i; muransa-i
 hasten v. - aariifadha-fatta; arreedadda
 hat n. - kooffiaa-ni
 hate v. - burungaha-goofta; бага-badda
 have plenty v. - badhaadha-dhaatta
 have v. - qaba-qabda
 have young v. - latta-latta
 hawk n. - qoree-ni
 haze n. - aara, i; qayoo-ni; qayoota
 head n. - mataa-ni; dhamna-i
 headache v. - bowwafadha-fatta
 headband n. - sabatta-i
 headrest n. - boraatii-ni
 headscarf n. - shashii-ni (Amh.); - hagoogoo-ni
 health n. - furfuura-i; meela-i; fayyaa-ni; nagaa-nageeni; nagaya
 health worker n. - hakimii-ni (amh.)
 healthful v. - sifaa-ni; sifeesaa-ni
 healthy (adj.) - baara, baartu, baara (pl.) babbaaro; doti; moosanee; mooti;
 sugicha, sugitti, suga'o; wadalla
 healthy, be v. - daada-daadda; wardaha-deeta; budulaha-loofta; carfa'a;
 fayya-fayyita; fufuura-ta; martaha-toofta; ribaha-boofta
 heap n. - tuulaa-ni; _____ up v. - tuula-lta
 hear v. - dhagaha-geetta
 heartburn n. - bardhaddee-ni
 hearthstone n. - sunsuma-i
 heat v. - bulussa-sita; owwisa-fta; koosa-sita
 heat, be in v. - daarima-mta; n. daarima-i
 heavens n. - waaqa-i; aaga
 heavy (tall and heavy) n. - albuu-ni
 heavy (adj.) - gabba, gabbo, gabbo; ulfa, ulfo, ulfo
 heavy, be v. - kulalaha-loofta
 heavy, become v. - bamma-mita ; tiibba'a-booftaa

- hedge n. – dallaha-i
 heel n. - hirba-i
 heifer n. - goroomsa-i; raadda-di; (pl.) raaaddowaani
 help n. - bu'aa-ni; hirkoo-ni; kililla-ta; qarqaara-rta;
 gargaara-rta; ukha-utta
 help, a call for help n. – arreesa-i, gargarsa-i
 help, need of v. - lubbaha-boofta
 helper n. - qadadduu-ni; qadaddicha-i; waheela-i
 helpful (adj.) - naaso; (thing) n. – doobla-i
 hem v. - gooda-goodda; n. - xiyyoo-ni
 hen n. - lukuu-ni
 henceforth, from now on (adv.) – armaa
 herb n. - buyyoo-ni
 herd n. - looni; v. - tissa-sita
 herding n. - tika-i
 here (adv.) – arma; garana
 heritage n. – dhaala-ni
 hermaphrodite n. - xapheenoo-ni
 hernia n. - quuqaa-ni
 herself (pron.) - ufi
 hesitate v. - tura-turta
 hiccup v. - gurbadha-batta; hirqifadha-fatta
 hidden n. – dukoo-ni
 hide n. - (of young animal) tolee-ni; gogga-ni; (of camel) gubla-i
 hide oneself v. - riphaphta; dhokadha-tta
 hide v. - baafadha-fatta; balleefadha-fatta; dhofadha-fatta;
 dossa-sita; golla-gollita; jalaa mura-rta; miliqa-mixxa;
 milisa-sita; qiirsa-sita; suuqa-suuxxa; yuuba-bda
 hideout n. – da'oo-ni; kaabii -ni (Amh)
 hiding place n. - mandhee-ni; suuqa-i
 high (adj.) – dheera
 higher (adj.) - gararloo
 highlands n. - baddaa-ni
 hill n. - kobbee-ni; kooba; (small) kubii-ni; gaara-i; tulluu-ni; carii-ni
 hilt n. - karoora -i
 himself (pron.) - ufi
 hinder v. - dhowwa-dhowwita; dhowwarta-dhorta
 hindrance n. – dallamsaa-i; gufuu-ni; gugufaa-ni
 hip n. - (of animals) - mogolee-ni; luqeetuu-ni
 hippopotamus n. - roophii-ni
 hire v. - qatara-rta (Amh.)
 hiss v. - shifisa-fifta; shifisiisa-siifta
 hit v. – dha'a-dhoofa; tuqa-tuxxa
 hoarse, be v - hichinnawa-noofa

- hobble n. - gaadi-nin.
 hoe n. - qottoo obruu: jembe
 hold back v. - gunufadha-fatta
 hold tightly v. - birdifadha-fatta
 hold v. - hidha-hiita; qadhaba-bda; tindhisa-dhifita
 holder n. - (wicker frame to hold a water container) - cancala-i
 holding n. - qaftuma-i
 hole n. - boola-i; bohaa-ni; boroqa-i ; qaa'a-i; have _____ - qaawa-qoofta
 holla-hollita; boolaa-loofta; facanaha-noofta; n. urachaa-ni; urata-i
 hollow n. - kakalawee -ni; kiliwee-ni; komoora-i; qaa'a-i;
 be _____ - qaawa-qoofta
 hollow v. make _____ facaneessa-sita; dhaamaha-moofta;
 dhooqa-dhooxxa; modhoka-dhotta
 holy (adj.) - qulqullo
 holy (man) n. - reedimeessa-i
 homosexual n. - midiisa-i
 hone v. - qara-qarta; qara'a-raata
 honestly (adv.) - dhugumaa
 honesty n. - dansuma-ti
 honey beer n. - daadhii-ni; xajjii-ni (Amh.)
 honey n. - daamma-i; daamuu-ni; nadhii-ni; xuunnalee-ni
 honeybee n. - kiniisa-i
 honeycomb n. - riga-i
 honor n. - saala-i
 hoof n. - kotee-ni; qeencha-i
 hook n. - fannoo-ni
 hooked stick n. - hookoo-ni
 hoop n. - gaangoo-ni
 hope for v. abda-abdita
 hope n. - bagga-i; v. - dhabadha-batta
 hopeless (situation) n. - giwwee-ni
 horn (of buffalo) n. - kolbaa-ni; gaafa-i; (rhinoceros) dheekii-ni
 hornbill (ground) n. - humoo-ni; qottoo-ni
 horns n. - saaloo-ni
 horse expert n. - boquu-ni
 horse n. - farda-i; (pl.) fardoollee-ni; maca-i
 hose n. - tubboo-ni
 hospital n. - mana hakimii
 hot, feel v. - fuura-rta
 hotel n. - albergoo-ni (Ital.)
 hour n. - sa'atii-ni (Amh.)
 house n. - mana-i
 household group n. - qaballee-ni (Amh.)
 housewife (untidy) n. - bosaha-i; adayyuu-ni

how (adv., conj.) – akka
 how? – akkami
 howl v. - yuusa-fta
 huddled v. - qondhofadha-fatta
 hum v. - burisa-rifta
 human n. - nama-i
 humiliated, be v. - dhokadha-katta
 hump n. – dalluu-ni; goboo; roga-i
 hunchback n. - farra-i
 hunched - v. - korophaha-phoofta; xuupha'a-phoofta
 hundred n. - dhibba-i
 hung, be v. - raraha-raata
 hunger n. – beela-ti; garacha-i
 hungry, be v. - buudhaha-dhoofta; laphisa-phifta
 hunt v. - (for food) kola-kolta; hadha-daata
 hunting n. - moo-ni
 hurl v. - furgugaha-goofta
 hurricane n. - hobombolatii-ni
 hurry v. – arreedada; fulaaha-laata; kuunka-kita; kuunka-kita;
 husk n. - balkii-ni; galaba-ni; qola; hoofee-ni
 hut n. - hoosa-i
 hyena n. – waraabeesa-i; darafeesa-i
 hypocrisy n. - sosobachaa-ni; sosoba-i; v. ukhukuba-bda; akabsadha-satta;
 shafi jedha-tta (always used with jedha)

I (pers. pron.) – ana, na
 idea n. – herrega, mala, asaaba-i (Amh.)
 idle, be v. - seseega-seseedda
 idler n. - ranjula-i; algalaa; sanafii-ni (Amh.); seseega (Bor.)
 if (conj.) - adoo, atoo; yo + perfect tense
 if not (conj.) - silaa; yokaani; yokini
 ignorant (adj.) - sigiga, sigiddu, sigigo
 ignore v. - hooga-hoodda; waakadha-katta
 ill at ease, feel v. - sulfaama-mta
 illness n. - himatoo-ni
 imagine v. - yaada-yaadda
 imitate v. – akeeka, akeetta; fakkeessa-sita
 imitation n. - falakeesa-i
 immature (adj.) - dheedhi
 immediately (adv.) – ammumma; burunto (Ital.); hure; yoosu
 immerse v. – cuupha-phita; lixa-lixxa; lixissa-xiifta
 impatient, be v. - hifadha-fatta
 implore v. - gunadha-natta; kadhaa -katta; waakha-waatta

- important (adj.) - gararoo; guddaa, guddoo, guddoo; ulfa, ulfo, ulfo
 impoverish v. - taadheessa-sita
 imprison v. - booji'a-jita
 improve (health) v. - lilanaha-noofta; fala-falta; filma-mita; fura-furta
 in - (prep.) keessa; ke
 in order that (conj.) - akka
 in the future (adv.) - egeri
 in this way (adv.) - akkana
 incense n. - hixana-i (Amh.); qayya-i
 incest n. - haraamuu-ni
 incisor n. - qarifaani
 incompetent, be - v. abeeba-bda
 increase (weight) v. - bamma-mita
 increase v. - buki tolcha; mullisa; dabala-lta; fira-firta; fufa-fufta; fufadha-fatta
 horra-horta; ribeessa-sita; sabaqa-baaxxa; taaba-taabda
 indifferent, be v- rincica-cicca; - gaffa-gafta
 indigestion n. - waldoo-ni
 infected, be v. - bacawa-coofta
 infection (of uterus) n. - qarbaa-ni; uludii-ni
 inferior (adj.) - gadi; ga
 inflamed, become v. - boba'a-beeta
 inflate (price) v. caradha-ratta
 inflate v. - bakisa-kifta; afuufa-fta
 inflated, be v. - bota'a-toofta
 inform v. - dhaama-mta; hima-himta
 informer n. - haaxoo-ni; xoqaamii-ni (Amh.)
 infuriate v. - bittisa-tifta
 inhabit v. - taa'a-teetta
 inhale v. - xuuxa-xuxxa
 inherit v. - dhaala-lta
 inheritance n. - dhaalaa-ni
 inhibit v. - uka-ita
 injera n. - budeena-i (Amh.) thin bread made of teff.
 injure v. - qooma-mta
 injustice, do v.- giica- giicca
 in-law n. - soddaa-ni; (pl) soddota-i; (f.) soddowaani
 in-law relationship n. - soddoma-i
 inn n. - albergoo-ni (Ital.)
 inquire v. - barbaada-badda; gaafhada-fatta
 insane, be v. - sirga'a-goofta
 inside (prep.) - keessa; ke
 insipid n. - bangee-ni; (something unpleasant); busha'a-bushoofta
 inspect v. - qorqoradha-ratta; soqa-soxxa
 instruct v. - barsiisa-siifta

instruction n. (for marriage) hayuma-i
 insult v. - arabsa-sita; n. - abaara-i; xeeraa-ni; arabba-i; horda-dita
 insulted, be v. -xeera'a-roofta
 insulting n. - rakuu-ni
 integrity n. - qulqulluma-mti
 intellect n. - qalbii-ni
 intelligence n. - qalbii-ni
 intelligent (adj.) - qaro
 intercourse, have v. - roofa-fta; wali rafa-fta
 interest n. - yaalicha
 interpret v. - se'a-seeta
 interpreter n. - afinaqii-ni (Amh.); turjubaana-i
 intestines n. - gadameessa-i (small); uusa-i; marimaani
 intimidate v. - uka-ita; farrifadha-fatta
 introduce v. - beesisa-sifta
 investigate v. - abuura-rta; dooyadha-yatta
 invisible, make v. - daha-daata
 invitation n. - qataroo-ni
 iron n. - sibiila-i
 irrelevantly (adv.) - lafiifo
 irritate v. - nyagisa-gifta
 irritated v. - dallana-nta
 isolated (adj.) - kopha; qofa; v. - sulfaama-mta; ulfaama, mta
 itch v. - nyaadha-nyaata; roba'a-boofta
 itchy, be v. - haammaraha-roofta

jackal n. - gedala-ti
 jaw n. - boqoo-ni
 jawbone n. - lafee boqoo; dhamna; ndaa-ni
 jealous, be v. - hinaafa-fta; xxisa-xxifta;
 _____ person - qoxxicha-i; qoxxitti-ni
 jealousy n. - hinaafaa-ni; qoxxee-ni
 jerrycan n. - litaa-ni (Ital.)
 jigger n. - (Amh.) dhuudhuu-ni; (Swa.) moyaaalee-ni; tafii
 jingle v. - qilisa-lifta
 job n. - hujii-ni
 jog v. - gulufa-fta; sagarra-rta
 join together v. - walti dhi'eesa-sita; fafa-fta; fufa-fufta; takhaala-lta
 joint n. - mitaa-ni
 joint (of bone) n. - gawwee-ni; (of hip) n. - luqee-ni
 joint pain n. - qiiqee-ni
 joke v. - balqa-ita; kobla-koblita; kofalta; n. kobla-i; qoosa-qooca;
 taphadha-phatta

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oking n. - tapha-i
 ourney (long) n. - kunna-i
 oy n. - qilixama-i qilixamsuu-ni
 oyful, be v. – dambooba-bda
 udge v. – itti buufadha-fatta; mura-murta; n. - qortuu-ni
 udgment n. - mura-i; muransa-i; kora-i; qoraa-ni; qorsumaa-ni;
 (about payment of a fine) - mataha-toofta
 ugular (vein) n. – ama-ti; gooha-i
 ump v. – ce'a-ceeta
 unction n. - gorsumaa-ni; jiroo
 uniper n. - hindheensa-i
 ust (adv.) - uma (suffix); qulqullo
 ust now (adv.) – ammunma
 ustice n. - dhugaa-ni
 ustify v. - qulleefadha-fatta; qulqulleefadha-fatta
 oin v. - fufa-fufta

K

eep v. - hambisa-bifta
 eep away v. - simana-nta
 eep quiet! - xuphi!
 eep separate v. - sima-simta
 eep silent v. - waada-waadda
 ernel n. - firee-ni (Amh.); kilee-ni
 erosene lamp n. - fanusa-i (Amh.)
 ettle n. - hibriiqa-i
 ey n. - furraa-ni (Amh.)
 hat n. - caati (Amhj.)
 ick v. - dhiita-dhiitta; n. dhiitachaa-ni
 idnap v. – buta-butta; hata-hatta
 idney n. -kalee-ni
 ill v. - fita-fitta; ijeesa-fta
 ilo n. - kiiloo-ni (Ital.)
 indling n. - huuxxii-ni; qeetii-ni
 indness n. – dansuma-ti
 iss v. - dhungadha-gatta; n. dhungachaa-ni; dhungoo-ni
 ite (bird) n. – culullee-ni
 lipspringer n. - siiqee-ni
 ead v. - sukuuma-mta; supha-suphta
 nee n. – jilba; cokaancokkee-ni
 nife n. – billaha, ablee-ni, seenti-ni ; (large) aflameeda ; suluudda-i
 nob n. - bokkuu-ni
 nock-knees n. – dallabahal-i
 not v. - gudunfa-fita; n. gudunfaa-ni

K

L

know v. - beeka-beeta

knowledge n. - barnoota-i; beekumaa-ni; beeka-i; dhugeessaa-ni;
geerumaa-ni; hubachaa-ni; qarumaa-ni

knowledgeable (person) n. - sirnya-i; saricha; saritti-ni

kudu n. - gadamsa-i

labourer n. - bozonee-ni; hojaatu-ni

lack respect n. - fokadhaba-i

lack v. - baadha-baatta; dhibaadha-baatta; dhaba-bda; hanqadha-qatta;
seela'a-loofta; xupha'a-phoofta

lacking (adj.) - duwwa; qullaa

ladder n. - massalaalii-ni (Amh.); riqaa-ni (Bor.)

ladle v. - ciqqisa-qifta; n. - mooqaa-ni

laggard n. - ma'eessa-i

lair n. - mana-i

lake n. - garba-i; abaayaa-ni

lameness n. - naafachaa-ni

lamp n. - fanusa-i (Amh.); kuraz

land n. - (open and flat) diida-i

language n. - afaan

lap (up) v. - araaba-bda; mallasa-sita

large (adj.) - guddaa, guddoo, guddoo; _____ (thing) n. - obbee-ni

large amount n. - ruukoo-ni

large, be v. - siba'a-boofta

larva n. - dakhoo-ni; raamoo-ni

larynx n. - lubbuu-ni

last night (adv.) - edda

late, be v. - gaana-nta

later (adv.) - duraana; gulaana; gana (Amh.); egeri

latrine n. - shoroonii-ni (Swa.); shintebeet (Amh.)

latter part n. - ba'ima-i

laugh v. kobla-ita; bissiqa-sixxa; bissiza-sixxa; v. kobla-koblita; n. kobla-i;
waawwee-ni; waawwoo-ni; (of hyena) - humbua-buta

laundry v. - miica-miicca

law n. - seera-i

lawful n. - halaala-i (Arab.)

lay v. - ka'a -keeta

lazy (person) n. - duriyyee-ni (Amh.); algala

lead v. - daaddisa-difta; geesa-sita

leader n. - bulchaa-ni; hayyuu-ni; soreessa-i; soreettii-ni; (pl.) - gammeenii-ni

leadership n. - shuumanoota-i

leading animal n. - soreessa-i; sorreettii-ni

leaf n. - baala-i; obeensa-i; koola-i

- leak v. - dhimpha-phita
- learn v. - barradha-ratta; tamaara-rta (Amh.)
- leather strap n. - seemsaa-ni
- leave behind v. - dida-dadda; iraa gora; shaara-rta (Amh.);
- leave it! - laki!
- leave quickly v. - xiilladhaaba-bda
- leave v. - ka'a -kaata; keessaa ba'a-baata; lakkisa-kifta;
shaara-rta (Amh.); irra gora; dhiisa-dhiifta
- leavings n. - qaarmii-ni (of grain)
- ledge n. - miiljaloo-ni
- left (side) n. - bitaa-ni
- leftovers n. - bu'aa-ni; gaggaa-ni
- leg n. - miila-i; (lower) n. - manyee-ni
- legacy n. - dhaala-ni
- legume n. - baqilaa-ni (Amh.)
- leisure n. - forfachaa-ni; forfataa-ni
- lemon n. - loomii-ni (Amh.)
- lend v. - liqeessa-sita
- length n. - dalla-i; hojjaa-ni
- lengthwise (adj.) - dalla
- leopard n. - qeeramsa-i; qeeramsa guraacha; qeeroo
- leper n. - qomaaxicha-i; qomaaxitti-ni
- leprosy n. -qomaxaa-ni
- lesson n. - barnoota-i; barsiisaa-ni; tamaarii-ni
- letter n. - dabdabee-ni (Amh.); xalayaa (Oro.); tataabee-ni (Amh.)
- level (adj.) - diriira, diriirtu, diriiro
- lever v. - mida-midda
- liar n. - falfaltuu-ni; kijiibaa-ni, kijiibduu-ni;; (pl.) kijiibdoole-ni
- liberate v. - furgaasa-gaafta
- lick v. - araaba-bda; gondolcha-chita; mallasa-sita
- lie down v. - adadha, adadtta, (lie on one's back, stretch out on the ground) -
abuura-rta; ciisa-ciiifta
- lie n. - garoo-ni; kijiibaa-ni
- lie v. - cocana-nta; kijiiba-bda; soba-bda; dobbba-bda; falfala-lta;
malteessa-sita; sosoba-bda; buufa-fta. n. buufaa-ni
- life n. - jireena-i, adunyaa-ni, finna; lubbuu-ni; naphsee-ni; qooqee-ni
- life-giving n. - suga-i; finna-i
- lift up v. - ol fuudha-fuuta
- lift v. - hamphaara-rta
- lifting n. - ka'iisa
- ligament n. - maceera-i
- light (adj.) - sabla, sablo, sablo
- light brown (adj.) - birtee
- light, become v. - bari'a-rita

- lightning n. - hangaasuu-ni
 like (adv. + conj.) - akka
 like before (adv.) - haguma silaa
 like this (adv.) - akkana; akkasi
 likewise (adv.) - yoosi
 lily n. - abraasaa-ni (Amaryllis)
 limit n. - mummee-ni
 line n. - cororeessa; salfii-ni (Amh.); oroofa
 line n. - leenii-ni (Eng.); qarree-ni; taraaraa-ni; gogeessa-i
 line up v. - goggeessa-sita
 lion n. - nyencha-i; garmaa-ni
 liquefy v. - bulbula-lta; dhuuba-bda
 lisp v. - cabaqa-baxxa; bopphisa
 listen v. - caqasa-qafita; dhagaha-geetta
 little (adj.) - (of no importance) baaku; diqqaa, diqqoo, diqqoo
 little (bit) n. - toora-i; _____ (thing) n. - quucoo-ni; boocha-i
 live v. - bula-bulta; qubadha-batta
 live-giving n. - finna-i
 liver n. - tiruu-ni
 livestock n. - looni; horii-ni
 lizard n. - dhangalaasaa-ni; dublee-ni; dhootuu-ni; dhootisa-i; lotuu-ni;
 matawallee-ni; qarcoo-ni; quuyyee-ni
 load n. - baa-ni; ba'oo-ni; baachaa-ni
 load v. - faa-faata
 loan n. - fulkaaya-i; fulka'a-i; liqee-ni (Amh.)
 locality n. - ardaa-ni; reera
 location n. - fullaa-ni
 lock n. - qulfii-ni (Amh.); v. - qulfa-fita
 locust n. - awwaniisa-i, (young) siqoo-ni
 loincloth n. - marxoo-ni
 loins n. - moo-ni; hirma-i
 loiter v. - qorra-rita
 loiterer n. - ma'eessa-i
 lonely, be v. - ceeka'a-koofa
 long (adj.) - dheera
 look after v. - ukha-utta
 look at v. - arga-gita
 look carefully v. - milladha-latta
 look for v. - barbaada-badda
 look good v. - fefadha-fatta; chokadha
 loose, be v. - reeqisa-qifta; buk'a-koofa; socoha-coota; chocoha-coota
 loose, become v. - mulqadha-qatta; soloolo-lata; sololaha-laata
 loosen v. - buqifadha-fatta; fura-furta; furgaasa-gaafita; gadhiisa-dhiifta;
 hiika-hitta

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loot v. - saama-mta; n. - bojuu-ni
 lord n. - gooftaa-ni (Amh.); abboo
 lorry n. - baabura-i;(Amh.); loorri;konkolaata-i (Oro.)
 lose v. - dhaba-bda
 lose competence v. - silala-ta
 lose sexual desire v. - tirra-tirta
 loss n. - badii-ni; rakasa-i; rakiisa-i
 lost n. - waaree-ni; v. - bada-badda
 lost, get v. - balla'a-leetta
 lot - n. - raphtaa-ni
 love v. - jalaadha-ta; maleela-lta; n. jalaala; maleela-i; jaalala; sisinnii-ni
 lover n. - garayu-ni; jaala; jaalto
 low (adj.) - gabaaba, gabaabdu, gabaabo; gadi; ga
 lowlands (hot) n. - gammoojii-ni
 lubricant n. - qibaati-ni (Amh.)
 lubricate v. - muuda-muudda
 luck n. - kaayooma; ayaana, milkii-ni ; gaara-i; hixaa-ni (Amh.);
 kaayoo-ni; (good or bad) faroo-ni
 lukewarm, be v. - buluqa-luxxa
 lumbar (region) n. - moo-ni
 lump n. - karannee -ni; mucee-ni; mucura-i; waciba-i
 lung n. - somba-i
 lush, be v. - bosoona-nta; ganna-gannita
 lust n. - mirqaana-i; dareena-nta; dharaha-raata; dharraa-ni; dharraa-ni
 luxuriant v. - dunfura-rta
 lymph nodes n. - gonanaa-ni

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machete n. - bangaa-ni (Swa.); goraadee-ni; sholee-ni (Guji);
 maggot n. - hiffa-fiti; raamoo-ni; daariqa-tti
 magnify v. - gumbisa-fta
 maintain order v. aadaha-doofta
 maize n. - boqoloo-ni (Amh.); (boiled) - karshaa -ni; korankora-i;
 asheeda; jengaa-ni (Swa.)
 make v. - jaara-rta; ijaara-rta
 make good v. - tolcha- chita
 make place v. - siqa-sixxa
 make single line (file) v. - hariira-rta
 make way v. - gora-gorta
 malaria n. - binii-ni
 male (animal or person) n. - korma-i; (cattle) n. - jibbicha-i; jibboota-i (plu.);
 (strong) n. - koromtoo-ni; ilma-i
 man n. - dhiira-ti
 manner n. -kara -ni

- many n. - gurmuu-ni; hedduu; hidduu; kunkii-ni; haguu-ni; qacaa-ni
 many, be v. - guma-gumita
 many, very many (adj.) - allabii, heddu
 map n. - kartaa -(Ital.)
 mark v. - milikeefadha-fatta
 market (for cattle) n. - munaada-i (Amh.); _____ (place) -n. gabayyaa-ni
 markings n. - shaafa-i
 marriage n. - fuudha-i; oroosa-i (Swa.)
 marrow n. - dhu'a-ti; qoosaa-ni
 marry v. - fuudha-fuuta; fuusisa-sifta
 mass n. - nafa-i
 massage v. - mimiica-miicca
 master n. - gooftaa-ni (Amh.); abboo
 match n. - kibiriita-i (Swa.)
 mate v. - yaaba-bda (horses and donkeys)
 material n. - nafa-i
 matter n. - dubbii-ni; haajaa-ni (Swa.)
 mattress n. - farashii-ni (Amh.); itillee-ni
 mature n. - buleessa-i; become mature - buleessawa-soofta
 mature (girl) n. - gaaltama-i; v. gaaltama-mta
 mature thing n. - buleessa-i
 mature, be v. - cima-cimta; bilchaadha-chaata
 maybe (adv.) - gaafiini; malaafi; malaafu
 me (pron.) - na; ana
 mead n. - daadhii-ni
 meager (adj.) - huqqaa, huqqoo, huqqoo
 measles n.- finnoo-ni
 measure v. - biima-biimita (Swa.); fiiriha-rita; heda-hadda; haammaara-rta
 measurement n. - ciqilee-ni; waarii-ni (Amh.)
 meat n. - fooni; (dried) n. - jajii-ni; qoonxaa-ni (Amh.)
 meddler n. - qorqortuu-ni
 medicine n. - kiniina-i (Ital.); qorsa-i ; daawwee-ni
 medicine (for tapeworm) n. - koosoo-ni (Amh.); qorsa-i
 meditate v. - yaada-yaadda
 meet v. - arga-gita
 meet together v. - walda'a-deeta
 meeting n - kora-i; qorbaa-ni; sabsabaa-ni (Amh.); gubbayii-ni (Amh.);
 waldeenna-i
 melt v. - bassa-bassita
 melted, be v. - baqa-baxxa
 membrane n. - qoofiraa-ni
 menace v. - ukhukuba-bda
 mend v. - erba-erbita
 menstruation n. - uwwa-iti

mentally dull n. - raatuu-ni
 meow v. - nyao jedha-jetta
 merchant n. - nagaadee-ni
 merciful (adj.) - naaso
 mercy n. - naasuu-ni
 mercy, have v. - kililla-ta
 merely (adv.) - calla
 mess up v. - marqa-qita
 message n. - ergaa-ni
 messenger n. - dabaree-ni; ergattuu-ni;
 ergamtuu-ni (pl.) ergamtoota-ti
 messy, be v. - huuraha-roofta; hoxxaha-xoofta
 metal n. - sibiila-i
 middle n. - badaassaa-ni; jidduu wayaa.; wadhakkaa-ni
 midnight n. - waarii-ni
 midway n. - waljajjii-ni
 migraine v. - bowwafadha-fatta
 mildew n. - damansa-i
 militia n. - xoorsaraawwitii-ni (Amh.)
 milk n. - anaani, (colostrum) silla, cone, areerra-i; (fresh) n. - mii-ni
 milk v. - (camel) sharama-mta; (illegally) - luuga-luudda; cona, conta;
 elma-elmita
 milk, v. - (completely milk a cow) cirissa-sita
 milking n. - eleemaa-ni; waaree-ni
 milkpot n. - buree-ni; (Gabbra) gira-i; golondii-ni; gorfa-i;
 gorjoo-ni; - madaala-i; (wooden) soroora-i
 millipede n. - miilkuma-i; hanqareessa-i
 mine (pron.) - kiyaa-tiyya; kiyyuma, tiyyuma
 minute n. - daqiqaa-ni (Amh.)
 mirage n. - sankulee-ni; siribii-ni; qayanqayoo-ni
 miscarry v. - salleessa-sita
 miserable, be v. - golgolaha-loofta
 misfortune n. - dabuu-ni
 miss v. - daga-dadda
 missing, be v. - seela'a-loofta
 mist n. - hurii-ni; qayoo-ni; qayoota
 mistake n. - baasa-i; yakka-ni; n. dokonkora-i;
 make _____ v. - wallaala-lta; dokonkora-rta;
 mistreat v. - daga-dadda
 mistreating n. - rakuu-ni
 mistress n. - jaalto-ni; garayu-ni
 misunderstand v. - wal bada-badda; wal miliqa-lixxa; wal mura-rta
 mix (and eat) v. - kuruma-mta

- mix (together) v. - walti naqa-naxxa; bulbula-lta; dorqa-qita;
 kokorsa-sita; maka-matta
 mixture n. - makaa-ni
 moan v. - gadooda-dda; waadha-waatta
 mock v. - arabsa-sita; goyeessa-sita; qalada-ladda (Amh.); qoosa-qooqa
 mocking n. - qaldii-ni
 moist (adj.) - jiida jiitu, jiido
 moisture n. - dabana-i
 molar n. - haoo-ni; aoo-ni
 moment n. - hojjaa-ni
 Monday n. - Senyo (Amh.)
 money n. - beesee-ni (Swa.)
 mongoose n. - curree-ni; moree-ni; hammaa-ni
 monkey (vervet) n. - qamalee-ni
 monster n. - bulguu-ni
 month n. - ji'a-ji'i
 mood n. - miira-i
 moon n. - ji'a; ji'i; (new) - baatii-ni; (full) goobana-ti;
 more than (adv.) - afaan
 morning n. - dirama-i, (early morning, before dawn) baraaqa-i; ganama
 mortar n. - moyee-ni
 mosque n. - mesgida; masajida (Arab.)
 mosquito n. - binii-ni
 moss n. - areedda-i
 moth n. - billaachaa-ni
 mother n. - haadha-ti; haa-haatii; (voc.) haatoo-ni; aayyoo-ni
 motive n. - marroo-ni
 motorcar n. - makinaa; konkolaata; gaarii; motokaa-ni (Eng.)
 mottled n. - warareeba-i
 mould n. - damansa-i
 mouldy, become v. - damansaha-soffta
 mound (termite) n. - kooba-di; kobbee-ni; kubii-ni
 mount v. - yaaba-bda; kora-rta
 mountain n. - gaara-i
 mouse bird n. - waraabata-i
 mouse n. - barroo-ni; (gray) illaada-i; hanatuta; sulli'oo-ni; halakhee-ni;
 (young) dhakii-ni
 moustache n. - hafaroo-ni
 mouth n. - afaan
 move v. - reeqisa-qifta; choco'a-cota; (move with difficulty) jaatanaha-noofta
 move (household) v. - madaba-bda
 move (steadily) v. - munyuuqa-yuuxxa
 move away v. - godaana-nta
 move slowly v. - siriiqa-riixxa; sirnya-nyita

M

move together v. - shona-nta; sona-nta
 movement n. - akhuu-ni; siqansa-i
 moving n. - godaana-ti; madaba-i (Amh.)
 moving together n. shanaca-i (also, being together)
 much (adv.) - guddoo; haguu-ni; hedduu; hidduu; qacaa-ni
 mucous n. - furroo-ni; (dried) - xanxammaa-ni
 mud n. - cancana-i; dhoobboo-ni; dhoqee-ni; dhooba-i; suphee-ni
 muddy n. - borsoxxee-ni
 mule n. - gangee-ni; gangeellee-ni
 mumble v. - bopphisa-phifta; cabaqa-baxxa
 mumps n. - qandadaa-ni
 murmur v. - gunguma-mta; hasaasa-hasaafata; shawisa-wifta
 muscles n. - sarbaa-ni
 mushroom n. - abbaa marqoo-ni
 must v. - male; malte
 mutter v. - bopphisa-phifta; gunguma-mta
 muzzle (of a gun) n. - afumosii-ni (Amh.)-i
 muzzle n. - funaani
 my (pron.) - kiyya, tiyya; kiyyuma, tiyyuma
 myrrh n. - (tree) qumbii-ni
 myself (pron.) - ufi
 mystery n. - bonbontii-ni; mistirii (Eng.)
 shawwee-ni (Amh.); badallaa-ni; boqoloo-ni (Amh.)

N

nag v. - dorsisa-sifta; findhaara-rta
 naked, be v. - daara-rta
 name (for mother-in-law) n. - kumakitili
 name n. - maqaa-ni; gurra-i
 namegiving n. - gubbisa-i
 nanny goat n. - re'eetii-ni
 nap v. - rafa-rafta; hochisa-chiifta; n. hocheesa-i
 nape n. - sammuu-ni; qaaceera
 narrow (adj.) - dhipha, dhipho, dhipho
 narrow passage n. - rakkoo-ni
 narrow, be v. - xiixa'a-xoofta
 nation n. - gosa-i
 nauseous, be v. - lilikha-litta
 navel n. - handhura-ti
 near (prep.) - aana; bira; dhi'o; cina (Guji)
 near, be v. - ruga-rudda
 nearby (prep.) - bira
 nearby (place) n. - naaboo-ni
 necessary, be v. - fedha-fetta

- necessity n. - dhiphuu-ni
 neck n. - lubbuu-ni; lukuma-ti; lummee-ni; morma-i
 necklace n. - hayaama-i; lootii-ni
 need v. - fedha-fetta; barbaada-baadda; n. - dhiphuu-ni;
 (feel a strong need) araada-dda; n. araadda-i
 needle n. - binkii-ni; marfe (Amh.); limee-ni
 neglect v. - tassa-tacha
 neigh v. - fookisa-kifta; imimisa-sita
 neighbor n. - ollaa-ni
 nerve n. - morgaha-i; ribuu-ni
 nest n. - mana-i
 nevertheless (adv.) - ammoo
 new (adj.) - haraa; n. (something) - bamboo-ni
 newborn n. - caraqa-i; caraqqoo-ni
 news n. - da'untuu-ni; oddu; (vague) n. - lasiitii-ni
 next (adv.) - gadhufu
 next day n. - boriyyaa-ni
 next to (prep.) - dhaatu; dhawwatu
 nibble v. - alalacha-chita; dheeda-dheedda; durduura-rta; funaana-nta
 nice - (adj.) bareeda; dansaa; kilimphee
 nice (person or thing) n. - dabboo-ni; faaya-i
 night - n. (early) halkani; (late) halkan guddoo; bultii-ni; gunna-i; waarii-ni
 nightjar n. - raphachoo-ni
 nighttime n. - bultii-ni
 nimble (adj.) sabla, sablo, sablo
 nine n. - sagali
 ninety n. - sagaltama-i
 ninth n. - sagaleessoo-ni; salaani; saleesso; sagaleessoo
 nipple n. - mucha-i
 no! - hiyyoo!
 noise n. - billa-i (Amh.); dibbeesa-i; dibbiisaa-ni
 noise, make v. - caara-rta; n. caara-i; ; waca-wacca
 nonetheless - malee
 nook n. - suuqa-i
 noon n. - guyyaa guddaa
 north n. - ola-olitti
 nose n. - funaani
 nosebleed v. - funuuna-nta; n. funuuna-i
 nostril n. - qaa'a funaani
 not as good...better than - manna...wayya
 notify v. - jedha-jetta
 nourish v. - soora-rta
 nourishment n. - soora-ti
 now (adv.) - amma

N

numb, be v. - hadooda-doodda; somb a-bit
 number n. - haga-i
 numerous, be v. - gobba-bit
 nurse n. - hakimii-ni
 nut (for a bolt) n. - bilooni (Amh.); dado
 nutrition n. - meela-i
 nutritional n. - finna; meela; koshee-ni (Gab.)
 nylon n. - lailoonii-ni

O

oath n.- kakuu -ni
 obey v. - caqasa-qaftha; saalfadha-fatta; sarma-mita
 obligation n. - baa-ni; ba'oo-ni; baachaa-ni; kakuu -ni
 obliterated, be v. - raawadha-watta
 obscurity n. - dukkana-ti; bonbontii-ni
 observe v. - jiba-jibda; doofadha-fatta
 obstacle n. - galloo-ni ; gufuu-ni; gugufaa-ni
 obstinacy n. - siriima-i; morka-i; morkachaa-ni
 obstinate, be v. - morka-kita
 obstruct v. - duucha-cita
 occasion n.- fullaa-ni; gaafa
 ocean - n. abaayaa-ni; baarii-ni
 offend v. - tuqa-tuxxa; yakka-kita
 offended, be v. - xeera'a - roofta
 offense n. - arabba-i; eebee-ni; baasa-i; cubbuu-ni; xeeraa-ni
 office n. - biiroo-ni, beroo-ni (Fr.)
 offspring n. - ilmee-ni; daaraa-ni; eegee-ni; maatii-ni; maayamaatii-ni
 ogre n. - goorjama-i; olokhinna-i; bulguu-ni
 oil n. - dhadhaa-ni; qibaaati-ni (Amh.); motor oil - zeit (Amh.)
 okay (adj. + adv.) - dansaa; ee'ee; (adj.) - wayya
 old (adj.) - dullacha, dullatti, dullacha; moofa, mooftu, moofoo;
 (people) rapha; raqa-i
 old and dry v. - buquqa-xxa; buquqaha-qoofta; n. burquqaa-ni
 old woman (women) n. - beera-ti
 old, be v. - goblola-lta; - hoorofaha-foofta; subuqa-buxxa
 old, become v. - hacimpheera-rta; rereepha-phta
 old, worn out v. - subuqa-buxxa
 older sibling (brother) n. - aaddaa
 olive (tree) n. - ejersa-i
 omen n.- dhangaa-ni
 omit v. - lakkisa-kifta
 on (prep.) - gubbaa; irra
 on high (prep.) - gubbaa
 on top of (prep.) - gubbaa

once (adv. + conj.) - takkee-ni; tokko; takka
 one n. + adj. - tokko; takka; one only tokkumaa;
 takkumaa; tokkocha-i; gumaa-ni
 one person (one body) n. - mutaraa-ni
 one time n. - takkee-ni
 only - callaa; kopha; tuu; qofa (Gab.)
 ooze v. - madda-maddita
 open space n. - batala-ti
 open v. - bana, banta; fura-furta; qoobsa-sita ;
 saaqa-saaxxa; diiga-diidda
 opening n. - afaan; qaa'a-i; urachaa-ni; urata-i
 openly (adv.) - diideese
 opinion n. - asaaba-i (Amh.), herrega, mala
 opportunity n. - boddaa-ni; findhaara-i
 oppose v. - dida-didda; morma-mita
 oppress v. - ijeessa-ijeesta; mitissa-sifta; raka-ratta; reeba-bda; riqa-riixxa
 oppression n. - mitoo-ni
 or (conj.) - yokaani
 or? - mo?
 orange n. - birtee
 orator n. - falqa-i
 order n. - erga (Amh. ajaja-ajajja)
 organize v. - taaba-taabda; tolcha-chita
 orifice n. - qaa'a-i
 origin n. - balchaa; xintii-ni (Amh.); hunda-i; idda-i
 oriole n. - hawantee-ni; awantee-ni
 ornament (head) n. - kalacha-i
 oryx n. - saalaa-ni
 osteomyelitis n. - uludii-ni
 ostrich (chick) n. - randhuu-ni; ruboo-ni; guchi-ni
 other(s) n. - dhibii-ni; jarra-i; biyya-yiti
 otherwise (adv. + adj.) - silaa; yokaani
 ought to v. - himmalle
 ought v. - male; malte
 out (prep.) - keessaa
 out of sorts v. - bukana'a-noofta
 outbid v. - caradha-ratta
 outcome n. - faidaa-ni (Swa.)
 outer part n. - ala-i
 outmaneuver v. fuluusa-sita
 outside n. - ala-i; diida
 outsider n. - orma-i
 outsmart v. - fuluusa-sita
 outstretched (adj.) - dalla

O

oval n. - korboo-ni
 over (adv.) - ola-olitti
 overcome v. - dabsadha-satta
 overeat v. - qallulama-mta
 overhang n. - raraatoo-ni; rarahai
 oversee v. - eega-eedda; qorqora-rta
 overstate v. -gumbisa-fta
 overtake v. - dura mura-rta; firisa-rifta
 overturn v. - cunqursa-sita; garagala; galabatama-mta (Amh.)
 overweight n. - batora-i
 overwhelm v. - mitissa-sifta
 owl n. - urunguu-ni
 ox n. - qubla-i; mirgoo-ni; sangaa-ni
 oxen n. - hancaffa-i; (old) -karaaba -di;
 (pair) - ximmaadii-ni (Amh.); xindii-ni (Amh.)

P

pack animal n. - faa'ilee-ni
 pack camel n. - oorroo-ni; rochoo-ni
 packet n. - baakoo-ni
 paddock n. - gola-ti
 pail n. - baldii-ni (Amh.)
 pain (stomach) v. - qaqata'a-toofta; dhukkuba-i; gurgurtuu-ni
 pain v. (chronic) hooraha-roofta; feel _____ v. - mamarqama-mta
 pain, have v. - abaha-aboofta; elaha-loofta; (constant) - uma'a-moofta;
 n. eloo-ni
 paint n. - bifa; rangii-ni (Swa.); - qalaamii-ni (Amh.); v. - bifa-bifta; diba-bda
 pair n. - lakuu-ni
 pale (adj.) - adii
 paleness n. - addeenna-i, aagii qalani
 palm n. - ganaa-ni
 palpitate v. - dhudhukadha-katta; n. dhudhukachaa-ni
 palpitations n. - xiraa-ni
 pancake n. - chappaattii-ni (Swa.); budeena-i (Amh.); injeera
 panic v. - gugadha-gatta ; n. gugachaa-ni
 pannier n. - sabbaqee-ni
 pant v. - dhaana-nta; hara-harta; harganna-nta
 pants n. - bololee-ni (Amh.); boggee-ni; hidhaa
 papaya n. - phaapa'ii-ni (Eng.)
 paper n. - karatasii-ni (Swa.); waraqata-i (Amh.)
 parable n. - mamaassa-i
 parallel, make v. - obra-obrita
 paralysis n. - naafachaa-ni
 paralyzed (person) n. - naafa-i

- paralyzed, be v. - naafadha-fatta
 pardon v. - araraama-mta; dhiisa-dhiifta
 part n. - gamma-i; gar; goomolee-ni; moggaa-ni
 partner n. - garayyuu-ni; fira; tolaa
 pass v. - darba-bitā; _____ (by) v. - dabra-barta
 pass n. - rakkoo-ni
 pass over v. - taakka-kita
 pass through v. - huluuqqa-luuxxa; shila'a-laata (Amh.)
 pass under v. - huluuqqa-luuxxa
 passage n. - rakkoo-ni; fuloo-ni
 passion n. - maleela-i; mirqaana-i; onnee-ni
 passport n. - mashenyaa-ni (Amh.); waraqata karaan deemani (Bor.)
 past (adv.) - duri
 past time n. - dhengadda-i; gaafa
 past year n. - barana
 pasta - n. paastaa-ni (Ital.)
 pasture n. - marra-i; v. - maarsa-sita
 pasturing of sheep and goats n. - arjaala-i
 patch (of grass) n. - leensaa-ni
 patch v. - erba-erbita; (cloth) n. - erbaa-ni; haafa-i
 patches n. - qarichoo-ni
 patching n. - maxansaa-ni
 paternity n. - abbooma-i
 path n. - kara -ni
 patience n. - obsa-i; obsaa-ni
 patient, be v. - obsa-obsita
 patiently (adv.) - suuta; laanuma
 paunch n. - borcii-ni; borcooca-i - person/animal with a paunch.
 paunch, have v. - borca'a-coofta
 pauper n. - hiyyeessa-i; hiyyeettii-ni; qollee-ni
 pause n. - forfachaa-ni; forfataa-ni
 paw n. - kotee-ni; tantoomoo-ni; tantoomuu-ni
 pay attention v. - caqasa-qafta; dhageefadha-fatta; caqasaa-fta; eegadha-gatta
 peace n. - nagaa-nageeni; nagaya
 peaceful, be v. - dambooba-bda
 peak n. - fiixee-ni
 peasant n. - gabbaree-ni (Amh.)
 pebbles n. - cirracha-i
 pedal n. - faanoo-ni
 peddler n. - nagaadee-ni
 peel v. - qunchiisa-chiifta
 peeled, be v. - luqaha-qaata; quncaha-caata
 peg n. - fannoo-ni
 pellets n. - cirracha-i; tussii-ni

- pen n. - qalaamuu-ni (Swa.); biirii-ni (Amh.)
 penetrate v. - lixa-lixxa; seena-nta
 penis n. - (adults) cidaani; bixii-ni; shundoo-ni; nafa saalaa;
 qorichoo-ni; (small boy) dhungitii-ni; quxuu-ni; geebaa-ni
 penis (of camel) n. - megenna-i
 people n. - biyya-yiti; biyyee; jarra-i; nama-i; warra-i; warreena-i; benna-i
 pepper (red chili) n. - barbaree-ni; bisarii (Swa.); qaaraa-ni (Amh.)
 perfectly (adv.) - qixxee
 perforate v. - ura- urta
 perfume n. - (for the hair) qayya mataa; quromfidii-ni; (Amh.);
 shitoo-ni; marashii-ni
 perfume v. - qayyadha-yatta; n. qayya-i
 perfumed, be v. - urga'a-goofta
 perhaps (adv.) - malaafi; malaafu; yokaani; gaafiini
 period n. - bara-i; jabanna-i ; (Amh.) gizee-ni
 perish v. - hobaha-baata
 permission n. - feqaada-i (Amh.); eeyama-i
 permission, have v. - balala-lta
 persecute v. - makharsa-sita
 persecution n. - dhiba; rakkoo; nartii-ni (Amh.)
 perseverance n. - didhaa-ni
 person n. - nama-i
 perspire v. - damfa-fita
 persuade v. - beesisa-sifta; gunadha-natta; hababbala-lta
 pester v. - gorteefadha-fatta; nyagisa-gifta
 pestle n. - urgumeessa-i
 petal n. - gurra-i
 petition n. kadhaa Dubraa; sagadaa-ni
 phone call n. - silkii-ni (Amh.); simuu (Swa.)
 photograph n. - footoo-ni (Ital.); misilii-ni (Amh.)
 pick at v. - funaana-nta
 pick open v. - qirqita-qitta; filadha-latta
 pick out v. - foo'a-ta
 pickaxe n. - sururuu-ni; doomaa-ni (Amh.)
 picture n. - footoo-ni (Ital.); misilii-ni (Amh.)
 piebald (two-colored) v. - shooma-mta
 piece n. - (small) huuba-i; bu'a; qoraachii-ni (Amh.); cinna-I;
 pieces, be in v. - bututa-tutta; n. cinnoo-ni; gumaa-ni; bututa-i
 pierce v. - borossa-sita; dira-dirta; qilxipha-xiphta; ura-urta; waraana-nta
 pig n. - boyyee-ni; (bush pig) boyyee-ni
 pigeon n. - saphaliisa-i
 pile n. - tuulaa-ni
 pile together v. - oobla-blita
 pile up v. - tuula-lta

- piles (enlarged blood vessels) n. - qormaddee-ni
 pill n. - kiniina-i (Ital.)
 pillage v. - saama-mta
 pimple n. - finiisa-i
 pin n. - binkii-ni
 pincers n. - qadhabaa-ni
 pinch v. - qimmiita-miitta
 pipe n. - gaayyaa-ni
 pistol n. - bastoolaa-ni (Ital.); sheguti (Amh.)
 pit n. - boola-iti
 pith n. - dhu'a-ti
 pity n. - naasuu-ni; v. - naasisa-sifta; v.- kililla-ta
 place n. - fullaa-ni; v. - ka'a -keeta
 placenta n. - akkaa -ni; dilluu-ni; ; (retained) dheekamtuu-ni
 plain (barren) n. - qolqola-i; batala-ti
 plain n. - batala-ti; diida, ataa-ni
 plain, be v. - busha'a-shoofta
 plainly (adv.) - diideese
 plait v. cibra-rita; n. cibra-i
 plaits n. - taabboo-ni
 plan v. - maladha-lattta; mariadha-riatta; yaada-yaadda
 plane v. - kolkola-lta; saaka-saatta
 planet n. - urjii-ni
 plaster v. - diba-dibda; laqalaqa-laxxa (Amh.)
 plastic (things) n. - lailoonii-ni; lastigii-ni
 plastic bag n. - kartasii-ni
 plate n. - baqulii-ni (Swa.); sahanii-ni (Swa.)
 plateau n. - dirre-ni
 play v. - cuqqisa-qifta; taphada-taphatta
 playful, be v. - buraqa-raaxxa; sambaa-bda
 plead for help v. - dhibaaafhadha-fatta; hababbala-lta; sobadha-batta;
 waakha-waatta
 pleasant, be v. - miyawa-yoofta; adj. kilimpee
 plentiful, be v. - bokora-rta; guddo; hedduu
 plenty n. - birrii-ni; coonii-ni
 plenty (adj.) - xuxxuphe
 pleuropneumonia n. - sombeessaa-ni
 pliers n. - qadhabaa-ni
 plod v. - sirriqa-riixxa; sirnya-nyita
 plodding n. - sirnyaa-ni
 plot v. - maladha-latta
 plover n. - wiixuu-ni
 plow handle n. - irfii-ni (Amh.)
 plow n. - marashaa-ni (Amh.)

- plow oxen n. - qotiyoo-ni
- plow v. - qota-tta; shalashala-lta (Amh.);
- plowing n. - qotii-ni; qotiisa-i
- pluck v. - dhibissa-bifta
- plug v. - cufa-cufta; cuqqaala-lta; qadaada-dda; - suxa-suxxa; duucha-chita
- plum n. - mululacha-i
- plunder v. - sakaba-bda
- plunge v. - lixa-lixxa
- pocket n. - kiisii-ni (Amh.)
- pocketknife n. - seentii-ni
- Pods (of acacia) n. - urbuu-ni
- point (of knife) n. - abrii-ni
- point n. - (high place) dirra-i;
- point to v. - akeeka-akeetta
- pointed (something) n. - luffee-ni
- pointed, be v. - ulufa'a-foofta
- poison n. - suunkii-ni
- poisonous n. - boraara-i (refers to a specific plant).
- pole n. - dongoraa-ni (for the walls of a house); moloogaa-ni (Amh.)
- police n. - polisii-ni; foolissii-ni
- polish v. - riga-ridda
- polishing n. - rigansa-i
- politician n. - bolitikaa-ni (Ita.)
- politics n. - bolitikaa-ni (Ital.); si'aasaa-ni
- pond n. - harroo-ni; harra-ti
- ponder v. - dhindisa-sita; qulquula-lta; yaada-dda; kumuda-dda
- ponderous person or animal n. - tomborra-i
- pool n. - garba-i; dambalaa-ni (not permanent); malalbaa-ni; naqata-i;
- qachaachaa-ni
- poor - (adj.) qullaa
- poor, be v. - hiyyooma-mta; hiyyoomadha-matta;
- (person) hiieessa-i, hiyyeettii-ni
- pop out v. - qulqulba-bta
- Pope n. - phaphaasa-i (Ital.)
- porcupine n. - dhaddee-ni
- pore n. - lima-i
- porridge n. - buluqa-i; uujii-ni; faafaa-ni
- porter n. - kulii-ni; baatuu-ni
- portion n. - gamma-i; goomolee-ni; moggaa-ni
- possess v. - horra-horta; qaba-qabda
- possessions n. - sabba-i
- possible, be v. - dandaha-deeta
- possibly (adv.) - gaafiini
- post office n. - postaa-ni (Ital.)

- postpone v. - tindhisa-dhifita; tura-turta
 pot n. (clay) - okotee-ni; (cooking) - eelee-ni; diftii-ni; disti-ni
 potato n. - dinichaa-ni
 pot-bellied child n. - ruurii-ni
 potsherd n. - banisoo-ni
 pound v. - tuma-tumta
 pour v. - buusa-buufita; (a little) v. -qica-qicca; lollaha-laata; naqa-naxxa
 poured out v. - dhangalaha-laata; - harcaha-caata
 poverty n. - beela-ti; qullaa-ni
 powder v. - fiitaha-toofta
 powdery, be v. - buka'a-koofta
 powdery, become v. - burquqa-quxxa
 power n. - forsaa-ni (Ital.); guddina-i; irree-ni; maftii-ni (Amh.)
 practice v. - barradha-ratta
 praise oneself v. - faarfadha-fatta
 praise v. - dhaada-dhaadda; faarsa-sita; n. faaruu-ni; saada-saadda;
 pray v. - kadhaa -katta; kadhada-kadhata; sagada-gadda (Amh.)
 prayer n. - kadhaa -ni; eebba-eebbiti; sagadaa-ni
 praying mantis n. - ekeraa galaa; qaanjibuu harree
 precede v. - (in rank) caala-lta
 preceding (prep.) - dura
 predict v. - faga-fadda; mora-morta; raaga-raadda
 prediction n. - mora-i
 prefer v. - foo'a-ta
 preferable (adj.)- wayya
 pregnancy n. - rimaha-i; rimaya-i
 pregnant (adj.) - ulfa, ulfo, ulfo
 pregnant animal n. - rimeesa-i
 pregnant, be v- rima-rimta (of animals and humans); garaachaha-coofta
 pregnant, make v. - dalca-cita; (for unmarried girl) caphana-nta
 preoccupied, be v. - yaala-lta
 prepare - v. tolcha-chita; dhaaba-dhaabda; qopheessa-sita; kurfeessa-sita;
 taaba-taabda
 prepared (adv.) - kurfo
 present n. - gumaata-i; v. kenna-kennita
 presently (adv.) - amma
 preserve v. - dandama-mta
 press down v. - humna-nita
 press together v. - dhandooma-mta
 press v. - cumfa-fita; mudda-muddita
 prestigious, be v. - macha'a-choofta
 presume v. - se'a-seeta
 pretend v. - buxuula-lta; cocana-nta; dhokadha-katta; soba-bda-sosoba-bda
 prevail v. - danqa-qita

- prevent v. – dallamsa-sita; dhowwa-dhowwita;
 dhowwarta-dhorta; ittisa-ittifta; kuta-kutta; rara-rarta;
 sima-simta; simana-nta
- prevent from falling v. - qoba-qobda
- prevention n. – dallamsaa-i
- price n. - gatii-ni
- prick v. - qilxipha-xiphta; waraana-nta
- prickles n. - biilaa-ni
- prickling (feeling) v. - qarqarsa'a-soofta
- prickly-pear n. - gambooraa-ni
- pride n. - uflaala-ni ; koora-i
- priority n. - matooma-i
- prison n. - jeelaa (Eng.); mana hidhaa/ hindaansaa; wnakii-ni (Amh.)
- privacy n. - qoomnii-ni; qoomi-ni
- prize n. - shelemaatii-ni (Amh.); galata
- problem n. – adaaba-i; sarrii-ni; sharrii-ni; dhiba; rakkoo; nartii-ni (Amh.);
 haafaa-ni (Swa.); hooloo-ni; qataaraa-ni; xaaxaa-ni; raraha-i; sababba-i
- proclaim v. - lalabba-bda
- procure v. - bita-bitta
- produce v. – dhala-lta; firawa-firofta
- profit n. - bu'a; tirfii-ni (Amh.); faidaa-ni (Swa.)
- profound (adj.)– dheera
- prohibit v. - seera-rta
- promise v. - qodha-qota; dhabadha-batta; n. – dhangaa-ni; kakuu -ni; dhabuu-ni;
- prompt, be v. – aariifadha-fatta
- promptly (adv.) - burunto (Ital.); hure
- pronounce v. - jedha-jetta
- proof n. - hubachaa-ni
- prop n. kiboo-ni; kaala -ni
- prop up v. - kiba-kibda; utuba-utubda
- property n. - halaala-i; horii-ni
- prophecy n. - mora-i; himanna-i; himansa-i; raaguma-ti
- prophesy v. - raaga-raadda
- prophet n. - raaga-i; yuuba-i
- prosper v. - fira-firta; horra-horta
- prosperity n. - badhaadha-ni; bultuma-i
- prostitute n. - sharmuxa-i (p.) sharmuxolee-ni
- protect v. – cibra-rita
- protection n. - simaa-ni; simana-i; dhibayyuu-ni
- protrude v. - gooraha-rata; quuqa-quuxxa; quuqawa-qoofta; ulufa'a-foofta
- protrusion n. - quuqaa-ni; ulufa-i
- protuberance n. - kolkolee-ni; konoona-i; funaani
- proud, be v. - balda-dita; koora-rta
- proverb n. - mamaassa-i

- provocation n. - aggachaa-i
 provoke v. - aggadha-gatta; bittisa-tifta; gaalla-lta
 pubescent, be v. - bumbunsa-sita (said only of boys)
 pubic hair n. - saphii-ni
 publish v. - lalabba-bda
 puckered, become v. - burdawa-doofta
 puddle n. - caancoo-ni; diriba-i; kolbaa-ni; naanaha-i
 puff adder n. - buutii-ni
 puff up v. - xillibba'a-boofta; buufa-fta; buufa-fta; bakisa-kifta
 pull in (the stomach) v. - qoloonfadha-fatta
 pull v. - tirsaa-sita
 pulse v. - dhudhukadha-katta; n. dhudhukachaa-ni; dhikee-ni; idhata-i
 pulverize v. - hurrawa-roofta; urba-urbita
 pulverized thing n. - bulaa-ni
 pumpkin n. - bododda-i
 punch v. - tantooma-mta
 puncture n. - iddanaa-ni
 punctured v. - busuqa-suxxa
 punish v. - itti mura-rta
 punishment n. - adaaba-I; gatii-ni; qitaatii-ni (Amh.)
 pupil (of the eye) n. - agartaa-ni;
 pupil (student) n. - barata -ni
 puppy n. - cuquu-ni
 purchase n. - bitaachaa-ni; bita-bitta
 pure (person) n. - balchaa-ni
 pure, be v. - qullawa-loofta; adj. qulqullo
 purge v. - fala-falta
 purging n. - fala-i; falachaa-ni
 purification n. - qulqullooma-i; qulqulloomaa-ni
 purify v. - qulleessa-sita; qulqulleessa-sita
 purity n. - balchaa; xintii-ni (Amh.); qulqulluma-mti
 purpose n. - didhaa-ni
 purr v. - korisa-rifta
 purse n. - borsaa-ni (Ital.); iftee-ni (made from sisal thread)
 pursue v. - reeba-bda
 pursuit n. - bu'aa-ni; reebuu-ni
 pus n. - malaa-ni
 push v. - darba-bita; dhiiba-bda; mida-midda; gussa-gussita; hulfa-fita;
 sulcha-chita; ukhukuba-bda; wirsaa-sita
 push down v. - humna-nita
 pushing n. - dhiibansa-i
 put v. - teessisa-sifta
 put aside v. - hambisa-bifta; ka'a -keeta
 put away v. - massa-sita; suuqa-suuxxa

P

put down v. - buufadha-fatta
 put in a good place v. - massa-sita
 put in order v. - sokoladha-latta
 put on v. - keeyyadha-yatta
 put out v. - afa-afta
 put together v. - coonca-cita (usually + walti); faafa-fta
 putrefy v. - tortora-rta
 python n. - jawwee-ni

Q

quail n. - cuuquruu-ni; n. - gororii-ni; caaqarrii-ni; qirqicii-ni;
 qoocoo-ni (Amh.)
 quandry n. - wajaga-i; be in a ____ v. wajaga-jadda;
 quantity n. - haga-i; raphtaa-ni
 quarrel n. - waraana-i; weeraa-ni (Amh.); falamaa-ni; lolla-lolta; lolla-i;
 v. - dida-didda; falama-mta; falma-mita
 quarrelsome n. - araadda-i
 quarrelsome person n. - makharticha-i; lollee-ni
 quartet n. - abraanuu
 quaver (in speech) v. - loqoda-qodda
 question v. - morma-mita; n. - dubbii-ni
 queue up v. - coroora-rta; n. -oroofaa-ni
 quick (adv.) - burunto (Ital.); dafi (Amh.); hurrisi; hure
 quiet! - mureefadhaa!
 quiet, be v. - waada-waadda
 quiet, remain v. - callisa-lifta
 quintal n. - kintaala-i
 quintet n. - shananu
 quit v. - lakkisa-kifta
 quite (adv.) - - uma (suffix)

R

rabbit n. - hileensa-i
 rabies n. - nyanyee-ni
 rag n. - bututuu-ni
 rage v. - romma-ita; wacifa-cifta
 rain v. - bokaya-i; boka'a-bokeeni; (heavy) - tamna-i; n. - hareesa-i;
 n. - rooba-i; n.- sa'eesa; light ____ - ebeele-ni
 rain (heavily) v. - lollaha-laata; v. rooba-bda; sora-rta
 rainbird n. - bararatoo-ni
 rainy, be v. - ganna-gannita
 raising n. - ka'iisa
 ramrod n. - sangii-ni (Amh.)
 rancid, become v. - bulungawa-goofa

- rank n. - shuuma-i
 rash n. - suukii-ni
 rat n. - hantuuta-i; kolissa-i
 rat's nest n. - huuroo-ni
 rattle n. - reeqisaa-ni
 rattle on v. - hofomfoladha-latta
 raven n. - haranqeessa-i
 ravine n. - bohaa-ni; balee-ni; bowwaa-ni; horraa-ni
 raw (adj.) dheedhi
 razorblade n. - shigiree-ni (Amh.)
 reach v. - dhaqaba-bda; dhufa-dhufta; gaha-geeta; ta'a-taata
 react v. - boona-boonta
 read v. - sooma-ta (Swa.); dubbisa-bifta
 ready (adv.) - kurfo
 ready, be v. - qopha'a-phoofta; make _____ qopheessa-sita; kurfeessaa
 ready? - -fi (suffix)
 reality n. - dhugaa-ni
 realize v. - hubadha-batta; ilaala-lta
 rear end n. - eegee-ni
 rear n. - dinqa-i (private part of Borana house.)
 reason n. - qalbii-ni
 receipt n. - darasanyii-ni (Amh.)
 receive v. - qaba-qabda; _____ with gratitude v. - sifeefadha-fatta
 recently (adv.) - dhi'o; onaana
 recognize v. - beeka-beeta
 recoil v. - kontorfadha-fatta
 reconcile v. - taasisa-sifta (cf. ta'a)
 reconciliation n. - qoraa-i; qorsumaa-ni
 recover v. - bayanadha-natta; filma-mita
 recovery n. - lilanawaa-ni
 rectum n. - bondee-ni; uduu-ni; munnee-ni; xeerii-ni
 recuperation n. - lilanawaa-ni
 red (adj.) - (for horses and mules) daama
 red (adj.) - diima; diimtu; diimo; arraha-i; (very red) dhille
 redeem v. - fura-furta
 redness n. - diimeena-i
 reedbuck n. - borofaa-ni
 reek v. - xira'a-roofta; ajaha
 refer to v. - akeeka-, akeetta
 refine v. - qunquma-mta
 refusal n. - siriima-i
 refuse (adv.) - barkati + jedha; barsiima + dha'a
 refuse to respond v. - rincica-cicca

- refuse v. – dida, didda; (refuse absolutely) barkati (adv.);
 barssiima (adv.); guula-lta; qiriba-bda; waakadha-katta
 regain strength v. - lilanaha-noofta
 registration n.- masagaba-i (Amh.)
 regret v. - gaabba-bita; ufi gaabba-bita; ooda-oodda; oodaha-doofta
 reinforce v. - gonoofa-fta
 reject v. – dida-didda; finqila-lta; qiriba-bda; tuffadha-fatta
 rejoice v. - gammada-madda; qilixama-mta; gammada-dda
 rejoin (a bone) v. - tabba-bita
 relationship n. - sumsuma-i; (family) - fiixooma-i; (joking) n. - qoosaa-ni
 relative n. - fiixaa-ni; kin – aanaa; (on mother's side) eesuma-i
 relax v. - fura-furta; kufa-kufta
 release v. - baqa, baxxa; fura-furta; gadhiisa-dhiifta;
 n. - dhiifama-i; dhiisama-i
 released v. - baqa-baxxa; dhiifama-mta
 reliance n. - hirkachaa-ni
 religious leader n. - qaalluu-ni
 relish v. – dhandhama-mta
 rely on v. abda, abdita; hirkadha-katta
 remain v. - haffa-hafta; ola-olta; taa'a-teetta; tura-turta
 remainder n. - gagгаа-ni
 remains n. – bu'aa-ni; daadaa-ni
 remember v. - qaabadha-batta; faaqa-faaxxa
 remove v. - futa-futta ; salqa-qita
 rent n. - kiraa-ni; v. kireefadha-fatta
 repair v. - erba-erbita; maxansiisa-sifta; midhaassa-sita; qaba-qabda;
 tolcha-chita; erba-erbita
 repaired, be v. - midhaaga-dhaadda
 repairing n. - maxansaa-ni
 repeat v. - jalaa qaba-qabda; lammeessa-sita
 repeat v. - unta-untita
 repetition n. - hogaa-ni
 replacement n. - fulkaaya-i; fulka'a-i
 reply n. - hogaa-ni
 report n. - himachaa-ni; himachuu-ni
 representation n. - shuumanoota-i
 repugnance n. - lolochiaa-ni
 reputation n. - gurra-i
 request v. - kadhaa -katta
 rescue v. - baasa-baafata; qusa-qucca; qusadha-satta
 resemble – akeeka, akeetta, wol fakkaata; fakkaadha-kaatta
 reserve v. – dandama-mta; kaladha -latta; kuusa-kuucha; hambisa-bifta;
 n. - qusachaa-ni; qusee-ni
 reservoir n. - facana-ti

- reside v. - ola-olta
 residence n. - mana-i
 resign v. - lakkisa-kifta
 resignation n. - obsa -i; obsaa-ni
 resin n. - hamphee-ni; haanchaa-ni
 resist v. - morma-mita
 resistance n. - morka-i; morkachaa-ni; mormaa-ni; morooma-ni
 respect n. - fokoo-ni; ceera-i; saala-i ; sadeeta-ti
 respect v. - daada-daadda; dhedha-dheta; sarma-mita; v. saalfadha-fatta;
 respected (adj.) - ulfa, ulfo, ulfo
 respectful speech n. - seeda-i
 respectful, be v. - ceera-rta; fokifadha-fatta
 respond v. - owaadha-owaatta
 responsibility n. - baallii-ni
 rest v. - boqodha-qotta; ciisa-ciifta; forfadha-fatta (Amh.);
 hafura baafadha-atta (Orom.); rafa-rafta
 restaurant n. - mana nyaata; hotelii-ni (Swa.);
 albergoo-ni, mana nyaata, mana sagale
 resting place n. - cicciisa-i
 restless, be - aara-rta; qaanjiba'a-boofta.
 restrain v. - tindhisa-dhifata
 restrict v. - dhoora-rta
 restricted n. - dhooroo-ni
 resurrection n. - ka'iisa
 retarded, be v. - mujuja-mujujja
 retch v. - qooqifadha-fatta
 retire v. - yuuba-bda
 retreat v. - kontorfadha-fatta; dhedha-dheta
 return v. - dachaha-chaata; gargala-ta; _____ home v. - gala-galta
 return, make v. - rara-rarta
 returning home n. - galchuma-i
 revelation n. - mullachaa-ni
 revenge n. - kootoo-ni; haaloo; haaloo-ni; tiiqii-ni (Amh.)
 revered (person or thing) n. - wayyaa-ni;
 (person) n. - qaallicha-i; qallitti-ni
 revolt v. - ka'a -kaata
 revolve v.- gargala-ta
 rhinoceros n. - warseesa-i
 rib n. - cinaacha-i
 rice n. - ruuzii-ni (Amh.)
 rich (adj.) - dunfura-rta
 rich, become v. - durooma-mta
 riddle n. - hiiboyaa-ni; (answer) hibriqqa
 ridge n. - goobsoo-ni; gooroo-ni; kukuba ; luufa-ti

- ridicule v. – caacursa-sita; goyyeessa-sita; kobla-koblita;
 kofalta; seessa-sita; seessefadha-fatta; n. seessa-i
- rifle n. – boosa (Amh.); qawwee-ni
- right (adv.) - qubo; dhugaa; (side) n. - mirga-i
- right now (adv.) – ammunma
- rightly (adv.) - sirri; dhugaa
- rigid, be v. - sibra-brita
- rim n. - fitee-ni; qarree-ni; ginrangia-i
- rinderpest n. – daadhii-ni
- ring (clothes) v. - borchaa-chita; qilisa-lifta; qileesa-i
- ring (for) finger n. - qubee-ni
- ringworm n. - robbii-ni
- rinse (the mouth) v. - lulluqahda-qatta
- rinse v. - lolaha-laata
- rinsing n. - lulluqoo-ni
- rip v. - buta-butta
- ripe n. – buleessa-i
- ripe, be v. – bilchaadha-chaata
- ritual manners n. – addaba; jila-ti
- rival n. - orma-i
- rival v. - morka-kita
- rivalry n. - morka-i; morkachaa-ni
- river n. - galaana-i
- riverbed n. - (seasonal) laga-i
- road n. - kara -ni
- roar v. - barooda-rootta; n. barooduu-ni; gooha-goota; itana-nta
- roast v. - akaawwa -akoofta or akaha-akoofta; guba-gubda; koosa-sita;
 ruruuqa-xxa; wadda
- rob v. - hata-hatta
- robber n. - hattuu-ni; sargoo-ni
- robbery n. - hanna-i
- robust n. - barbara-i; bodhee-ni; v. budulaha-loofta; furda, furdo, furdo;
 jabaa, jabduu, jaboo; (pl.) jajjabaa; (adj.) - wadalla
- robust (something) n. - yabbuu-ni; n. - kotoola-i
- robust person n. - bodhee-ni
- robust, be v. - budulaha-loofta; siba'a-boofta
- rock n. – dhagaacha-i; dhakaa-ni
- rod n. - harchumee-ni
- roll v. – borbooradha-ratta
- roll down v. - konkolada-laata
- roll in the dirt v. - borbooradha-ratta
- roll up v. - mamara-ta; mara-rta
- roll v. - okonkoladha-latta
- rolled up v. - mookadha-katta

- roller (bird) n. – anahaarqaa-ni
 roof (thatched) n. - gasarree-ni (Amh.); eelicoo-ni;
 mana guutuu; gubbaa-ni
 roof ridge n. - koofia-ni
 roofing sheets n. - qorqooroo-ni
 room n. - kifilii-ni
 rooster n. - lukuu korma
 root n. - (edible) caraanaa-ni; hidii; idda-i
 rope n. – haada-i; kiyoo-ni; madhaa-ni
 (for bell) - korsiiisa-i
 rope n. - (of sisal) funnoo-ni; (of sisal) cea-i
 rot v. - shama-mta; tortora-rta
 rotten (adj.) – batti , bakti
 rotten, be v. - hooraha-roofta
 rough (adj.) - jalla, jalla, jallo; - qarchacha
 rough n. - kakatee -ni
 rough, be v. - kolkolaha-loofta; quuqa-quuxxa; quuqawa-qoofta;
 saakarawa-roofta
 roughness n. -karanchaa -ni
 round and solid (thing) n. - kuukuu-ni
 round up v. - naaneessa-sita
 route n. - martoo-ni
 row n. - gogeessa-i; leenii-ni (Eng.); oroofaa-ni
 rub v. - riga-ridda; riika-riixxa _____ strongly; sukuuma-mta
 rubber n. - imbiraa-ni
 rubbish n. – batti, bakti
 rude (adj.) - jalla, jalla, jallo
 rude (person) n. - baalagee-ni
 rugged (adj.) - qarchacha
 ruin v. - fita-fitta
 ruined (adj.) - moofa, mooftu, moofoo
 rule v. - fida-fidda; moha-moota
 ruler n. – danyaa-ni (Amh.); bulchaa-i; mooticha (Guji); mohaa-ni
 rumble v. - giria-sifta; gururia-rita; huursa-sita
 rumour n. - lasiitii-ni
 rumourmonger n.- odeessaa-ni
 rump n. - hudduu-ni; rundee, teessuma; tafa-i
 run v. – ce'a-ceeta
 run (unsteadily) v. – bikiliisa-liifta
 run after v. - reeba-bda
 run away v. – dhedha-dhetta; soka-kita; dhoo'a-dhoota; gursamaha-moofta;
 jala mura-rta
 run fast v. - xinniqa-ixxa
 run in rivulets v. - xuxxuruursa-sita

R

run unsteadily v - bikiliisa-liifta
 run v. - finiina-nta; oria-orita; utaala-lta
 runt v. - jinfaha- foofta
 rush unsteadily v. - tittima-mta
 rush v. - dhoo'a-dhoota; fiiga-fiidda; fulaaha-laata; oria-orita; orisaa-ni;
 utaala-lta; wirsaa-sita
 rust v. - dandaha-doofta; n. - dandii-ni
 rustle v. - shakhamiisa-miifta (make a rustling sound.); shawisa-wifta
 rustle v. - sokorsa-sita

S

sack n. - kintaala-i; subba-i; qaraqaba; (goatskin) - qalqalloo-ni
 sacrifice n. - sooriyoo-ni; v. sooria-rita; mosonsora-rta
 sad, be v. - ooda-oodda; oodaha-doofta
 saddle blanket n. - rarroo-ni
 saddle v. - faa-faata; n. - kooraa-ni; n.- kooraa-ni
 safety catch n.- (of a gun) - matabaqaa-ni
 safety n. - nagaa-nageeni; nagaya
 safflower n. - bordaa-ni
 sagging, be v. - shoboka'a-koofta
 salary n. - musaraa-ni; damooza (Amh.)
 saliva n. - hanchufa-ti; (dried) - xanxammaa-ni
 salivate v. - goroora-rta; lolochia-chita
 salt n. - haya-i; muludee-ni; sooda-i; hacharuu-ni; (for livestock) kullaha-i
 salt v. - kura-kurta
 salt-pan n. - herendeerii-ni
 salvage n. - salbaajii-ni
 salvation n. - baafama-i
 sample n. - fakkeenna-i
 sanctify v. - qulleesa-sita; qulqulleessa-sita
 sand n. - maansa-i; v. - kolkola-lta; - saaka-saatta
 sandal n. - buurankii-ni; kophee-ni; salala-i
 sandflea n. - taffii-ni
 sap n. - dhamma-ti; aniiisaa-ni
 Satan - Shexaana-i
 satchel n. - marraa-ni
 satiate v. - quubsa-sita
 satiated, be v. - quufa-fita
 satiety n. - quufa-i
 satisfaction n. - quufa; kafuna-i (Som.)
 satisfaction (sound of...) n. - aada
 satisfied, be v. - conaha-noofta; badhaadha-dhaatta; furfuura-ta;
 coneessa-sita; quubsa-sita
 saturated, be v. - quufa-fita; (with butter) - leyaha-yoofta

- Saturday n. - gebaya guddo; Kedame (Amh.)
 sauce n. - koosara-i
 savage beast n. - bineensa-i
 save v. - dandama-mta; hambisa-bifta; kuusa-kuucha; qusa-qucca;
 qusadha-satta
 saved, be v. - baafama-mta
 savings n. - qusachaa-ni; qusee-ni
 saw n. - magaazi (Amh.); misumeenoo-ni
 sawdust n. - hurraa-ni
 say v. - baana-nta; jedha-jetta
 saying n. - mamaassa-i
 scab n. - qonyanyaa-ni
 scabby, become v. - citta'a-toofta
 scabies n. - hooxxoo-ni
 scaffolding n. - hirrii-ni
 scales n. - karanchaa -ni
 scaly substance n. - reenjii-ni
 scaly, become v. - citta'a-toofta
 scar n. - kalabsuu; gadaniisa-i
 scarcely (adv.) - laato; diqqeena-i
 scarcity n. - beela-ti; hooloo-ni
 scatter v. - bassa-bassita; firfirsita; be _____ firfifama-mta; laaba-laabda;
 harcaha-caata; facaha-caata;
 scattered (adj.) - garum garaani
 scent n. - marashii-ni; ulaa-ni; v. - suufa-fta
 scissors n. - makasii-ni (Swa.)
 scold v. - abaara-abaarta ; lolla-lolta; miidha-miitta
 scoop n. - buduuqoo-ni
 scorn n. - balfa-i; tuffii-ni; v. - burungaha-goofa; miidha-miitta
 scorpion n. - qaanjibuu-ni
 scrap n. - bu'a; qoraachii-ni (Amh.)
 scrape clean v. - yuukha-yuutta
 scrape out v. - holla-hollita; hooqa-hooxxa
 scrape v. - (a hide) duuga-duudda; duguuga-guudda
 scrape v. - haadha-haatta; aqooqa-qooxxa, araaba-bda;
 cora-corta; harra-rta; hooqa-hooxxa; hoqonqola-lta;
 saaka-saatta; taa'a-taata; xuruura-rta
 scraped, be v. - luqaha-qaata
 scraps (of food) n. - qocoo-ni
 scraps n. - gajaaja-i
 scratch v. - aqooqa-qooxxa; haadha-haatta; habardooqa-dooxxa; hooqa-hooxxa
 scratch open v. - qirqita-qitta
 scrawny (people or animals) n. - ruboo-ni
 scrawny (thing) n. - qonkaa-ni

scrawny, be v. - gonchoca-chocca
 scream v. - carrisa-rifta; oa-oota; oa-ooti
 screw v. - michira-rta
 screwdriver n. - mutaa-ni;
 scrub v. - aqooqa-qooxxa; riga-ridda
 scrubbing n. - rigansa-i
 sea n. - baarii-ni
 seal n. - mataaba-i (Amh.)
 seal v. - qadaada-dda
 seam n. - cimtuu-ni
 sear v. - ruruuqa-xxa
 search v. - doogama-mta; joora- rta
 season n. - (short rains) hagayya-geetti
 season n. - mara-i
 season n.— four seasons: adoleessa, ganna, hagaya, bona
 seclusion n. - ulmaa-ni
 second n. - lameessoo-ni
 second-hand (clothing) n. - salbaajiii-ni (Eng.)
 secondly n. - lameessoo-ni
 secrecy n. - qiirsaa-ni
 secret n. - haalaa-ni; waan dhossaa; mistirii (Eng.); v. - qiirsa-sita
 secrete fluid v. - silla-sillita
 secretly (adv.) - laana; (emph.) laanuma
 section n. - mitaa-ni; gosa-i; mogoo-ni
 sediment n. - daadaa-ni; gaggaa-i; ficaa-ni (Amh.); baaduu-ni
 seduce v. - faraha-raata
 seducer n. - farahaa-ni
 see v. - arga-gita; laala-laalta
 seed n. - firee-ni (Amh.); senyii-ni; midhaani; (of fruit) - miciraani
 seep through v. - shila-a-laata (Amh.)
 seer n. - raaga-i; yuuba-i
 segregate v. - fila-filta
 seize each other v. - wal qaba-qabda
 seize v. - birdifadha-fatta; habardooqa-dooxxa; qadhaba-bda; tindhisa-dhifata
 seize violently v. - buta-butta
 self (pron.) - ufi
 self-esteem n. - uflaalaa-ni
 self-reliant v. - kontooma-mta; jinjimadha - matta
 sell v.- gurgura-rta
 semi-solid n. - suphee-ni
 send v. - erga-gita
 sending n. - ergaa-ni
 senile n. - raatuu-ni; raqa-i
 sentence v. - mura-murta; n. qoraa-ni; qorsumaa-ni

- separate oneself v. - cinaatta'a-toofta
 separate v. - baafadha-fatta; bassa-bassita; buqifadha-fatta; dhoosa-sita;
 fila-filta; firfita-fitta; foo'a-ta; golla-gollita; halagadha-gatta
 separately (adv.) - gargari
 series n. - gogeessa-i
 serious (adj.) - guddaa, guddoo, guddoo; jabaa, jabduu, jaboo; (pl.) jajjabaa
 serious trouble, have v. - lubbaha-boofta
 servant n. - boii-ni (Eng.)
 servitude n. - harumaa-ni; garbumaa
 set free v. - baasa-baafata; fura-furta
 set v. - ka'a -keeta
 settle a matter v. - taasisa-sifta (cf. ta'a); qora-qorta
 settle v. - qubadha-batta; teessisa-sifta
 seven n. adj. - torba
 sever v. - faceesa-sita
 sew v. - gooda-goodda; hodha-hodhita; waraana-nta
 sexually attracted v. - dhangofadha-fatta
 shack n. - gomphee; gojoo- (Amh.)
 shade n. - gaadisa-i; gaasa-i
 shady (place) n. - qaballee-ni
 shaft (of spear) n. - soma-eti; somaya-i
 shaft (of well) n. - kururuu-ni
 shaft n. - soma-eti; somaya-i
 shake v. - cuqqisa-qifta; bubbisa-bifta; gingilcha-iifta; holladha-latta; leleqa-
 lexxa; raasa-fta; roraasa-raafta; socoha-coota; chocoha-coota;
 _____ (oneself) birbifadha-fatta; buuba-bda;
 _____ (continuously) - dhufissa-fta
 shake (part of the body) v. - wila-wilita
 shake (with anger) v. - roqooma-ta
 shake v. (violently) harguffa-fta
 shame n. - fokoo-ni; ceera-i
 shameful (thing) n. - fokadhaba-i
 shameful, do something _____ v. faffaha-faffoofta
 shameless person n. - fokadhabaa-ni
 share v. - jifa-jifta; n. jifuu-ni; moggaa-ni
 sharer n. - mogoo-ni
 sharing n. - qooda-i
 sharp (something) n. - lufee-ni
 sharpen v. - qara-qarta; qara'a-raata
 sharpness n. - qara-ti; abrii-ni
 shave v. - haada-haadda; moyeessa-sita; cira-rta
 she (pron.) - isiini
 she who - ta (fem. form of the relative and possessive pronoun)
 sheath n. - qalqala-ti

- sheep n. – hoola-ni, hooliyee-ni; abloo-ni; (female) -karsoo ;
 (male) - eleemoo-ni; hoola-ni
- sheepskin n. - qoola-i
- shelf n. - miiljaloo-ni
- shell n. - balkii-ni ; galaba-ni; qola-i
- shelter from v. - qobadha-batta
- shelter n. - bafta-i; bultii-ni; da'oo-ni; dhoqooba-i; gaadisa-i; gaasa-i;
 goomphee-ni; hoosa-i; waaba-i ; gossee-ni
- shelter v. - haffa-hafta
- shield n. - wantee-ni
- shift position v. - siqa-sixxa
- shifting n. - siqansa-i
- shimmy v. – cuqqisa-qifta
- shine v. – calalaqa-laxxa; billiqa-lixxa; fiila-fiilta; ibsa-sita
- shiny (adj.) – culluu
- ship n. - markaaba-i
- shirt n. - ubaara-i; qolloo-ni
- shiver (with anger) v. - roqooma-ta
- shiver v. - holladha-latta; - siblalaha-loofta; n. hollachaa-ni
- shock n. - rifanoota-i
- shock v. - makharsa-sita; rifachiisa-chiifta
- shocked, be v. - bakaka-katta
- shoddy (things) n. - qacalee-ni
- shoe n. - kophee-ni
- shoe polish n. - qalaamii-ni (Amh.)
- shoot v. - tokkosa-kofta
- shop n. - suuqii-ni (Amh.); duka (Swa.)
- short (adj.) - gabaaba, gabaabdu, gabaabo; murqicha, murqitti, murqicha
- short (and stocky) (adj.) - qura; (stature) - turquma
- short and wide (adj.) - bakila
- short distance n. - ejata-i
- short n. - (person) haara-i
- short time ago (adv.) - reefu
- short, be v. - qudhaama-mta
- shortage n. – diqqeena-i; hanqoo-ni
- short-legged (adj.) - gica; geelabba-i
- shortly (adv.) - dhi'o; diqqoo
- shortness n. - gabaabina-i; hayuma-i
- shorts n. - gomfaa-ni; hidaa-i; boggee-ni (Amh.)
- shot glass n. - malakkaa-ni (Amh.)
- shot n. (of gun) - tussii-ni
- should (aux. v.) - silaa
- should not v. - himmalle
- shoulder - of people) n. gurmuu-ni; of animals – agooda-I

shoulder blade n. – ceekuu-ni; baleensuu-ni
 shout v. – alalaasaa-sita; dhuqisa-qifta; iya-iyita; n. iyana-ti; lalabba-bda
 shout angrily v. - riita'a-toofta
 shove v. - hulfa-fita; kuunka-kita
 shovel n. – ankaafaa-ni (Amh.), bawaa-ni (Amh.); bawwee-ni
 show v. – akeeka-akeetta; - baana-nta
 show off v. - baleela-lta; shooba-bda; n. - shoobaa-ni; shoobduu-ni
 show oneself v. - mulladha-latta
 shower n. - bukiyee-ni; furmaata-i; v. didiga-dididda
 showing off (adj.) - surto
 shrew n. - humbii-ni
 shriek v. - oa-oota; n. oa-ooti
 shrink (adv.) - hamussa+jedha
 shrink v. - moggaasa-gaafta; qamaacha'a-chaata ;
 qanchoradha-ratta; risa-rifta or richa
 shrivel v. - qamaacha'a-chaata; qanchoradha-ratta; v. - risa-rifta
 shriveling n. - qanchora-i
 shut v. - qadaada-dda
 siblings (pl.) n. - obboleeyyaani
 sick, be v. - bukana'a-noofta; dhukkuba-bda
 sick, feel v. - lilikha-litta
 sickle n. - haamtuu-ni
 sickness n. – dukkuba-i; dalaa-ni; himatoo-ni; (recurring) qassoo-ni
 sickness n. (of camels) - kororaa-ni
 sickness n. - dhukkuba-i Side (of body) - sobaa-ni
 side by side n. - laakummaani
 side n. - gamma-i; gombisa-i; goomolee-ni; moggaa-ni; roga-i; giraaba-i
 sieve n. - meemee-ni
 sieve v. - dhimbiiba-bda; n. dhimbiiboo-ni
 sift v. - socoha-coota
 sight n. - ila-ilti; mullii-ni
 sign n. - firma (Ital.); guba; milikeeta-i (Amh.)
 sign v. - farama-mta
 signature n. - sainii-ni (Eng.); firma (Amh.)
 silence n. – caqalii-ni
 silent, be v. – callisa-lifta
 silly (adj.) - gowwa
 silver n. - qarsii-ni
 similarity n. - wal fakkeenna-i
 simple (adj.) - kasso
 sin n. - baasa-i; cubbuu-ni; daba-i; lufa-i
 sin v. - lufa-lufta; wallaala-lta; yakka-kita
 since (conj.) - haga
 sinewy n. - ribicha-i; ribittii-ni

- sing v. – dhawwa-dhoofta; faarsa-sita; sirba-bit
 singing n. – dha'icha-i; sirba-i
 single n. - gumaa-ni; takka
 sink v. - lixa-lixxa
 sinner n. - haraamticha-i; lufticha-i; luftitii-ni
 sinuous, be v. – daba-dabda
 sip v. – durduura-rta; fiiqisa-qifta; una-ta; lacadha-catta; una-ta; xuuxa-xuuxxa
 sisal n. – algee-ni, cakkee
 sister n. - obboleettii-ni; (pl) obboleeyyaani
 sister-in-law n. - sayyuu-ni; wasiila-i
 sit down v. - taa'a-teetta
 sit, make v. - teessisa-sifta
 sitting n. - teessuma-ti
 situation n. - fullaa-ni
 six n.+ adj.- ja'aa
 sixth n. - ja'eesso-ni
 sixtieth n. - jaatameessoo-ni
 sixty n.+ adj. - jaatama-i
 sizzle v. - shifisa-fifta; shifisiisa-siifta
 skill n. - ogumaa-ni
 skilled, be v. - ogooma-mta
 skin n. - gogga-ni; v. - qunchiisa-chiifta
 skinned, be v. - quncaha-caata
 sky n. - waaqa-i
 slander n. - hammachaa-ni; xoophee-ni
 slander v. – cocana-nta; hammaadha-maatta
 slash v. - qu'a-quuta
 slaughter v.- qala-qalta; n. qalachaa-ni; qalicha-i
 slave n. - garbicha-i; garbitti-ni; garboota-ti; tisse-ni
 sledgehammer n. - madoshaa-ni (Amh.); burisa
 sleep v. – ciisa-ciifta; rafa-fta; caus. rafisa-fifta
 sleepiness n. - hirriiba-i; muusoo-ni
 sleepy, be v. - v. - hirriiba-bda; muusaha-soofta
 slender (adj.) - huqqaa, huqqoo, huqqoo; qalla, qallo, qallo
 slide v. - loha-loota ; mucucaha-coofta; mucucaadha-caatta;
 siringadha-qatta;
 slim (adj.) - qalla, qallo, qallo
 slimy v. - hodanaha-noofta
 slip v. - mucucaha-coofta; mucucaadha-caatta; siringadha-qatta;
 slippery, make v. - mucuceessa-sita
 slit v. – dira-dirta
 slither v. - loha-loota
 slope (of hill) n. - tarbee-ni; (downward) goodoo-ni; koffee-ni
 slouch v. - qucaha-coofta

- slow down v. - kosa-kocca; tirra-tirta
 slowly (adv.) - laana; (emph.) laanuma; leeke; shonaani; sonaani; surto
 small (adj.) - baaku; dhipha, dhipho, dhipho; diqqaa, diqqoo, diqqoo;
 gabaaba, gabaabdu, gabaabo; yara, yartu, yaroo
 small (fruit, grain) n. - qaracha-i
 small (something or someone) n. - koloochoo-ni; kochora-i
 small (thing) n. - burkee-ni; quucoo-ni; saara-i; ruphaa-ni; boocha-i; tuca-i
 small and new n. - nyaraqaa-ni; nyarree-ni
 small pieces n. - billee-ni
 small pox n. - bagaa-ni
 small, be v. - kushuma-mta; qeeta'a-toofta; n. _____ (thing) qeetii-ni
 small, become v. - luha-lutta ; moggaasa-gaafta
 small, short n. - qurqucuu-ni
 smart (adj.) - qaro
 smash v. - carassa-sita
 smear cowdung v. - faala-lta
 smear v. - diba-bda; faala-lta
 smell v. - ciinca'a-cofta; ajaa'jofta; urga'a-gofta; suufa-fta; dhawwa-dhoofta;
 suufa-fta
 smell badly - v. ajaha, ajoofta
 smell n. - bad _____ - bulaa-ni; xiraa-ni
 smell n. - ulaa-ni
 smell nice v. - foolaha-loofta
 smelly (mouth of animals) n. - afajoo-ni
 smelly, be v. - sussa'a-soofta
 smile v. - qumaada-dda; seeqadha-qatta
 smiling n. - seeqachaa-ni
 smoke n. - aara-i
 smooth v. - halaga-ladda; kolkola-lta; luceesa-sita; riga-ridda;
 snake n. - illama-i; bofa-i
 snake skin n. - muuxa-i
 snap v. - qartammiisa-miifta
 snatch v. - saama-mta
 sneaky, be v. - ofadha-fatta
 sneer - v. arabsa - sita
 sneeze v. - hatisa-tifta
 sneezing n. - hatisoo-ni
 snide (thing) n. - haalaa-ni
 snore v. - huursa-sita
 snot n. - furroo-ni
 snout n. - humbii-ni; oddoo-ni
 so (conj.) - akkasi; eegi;
 so and so n. - -faa (suffix); ebeluu-ni; abaluu-ni
 so that (conj.) - akka

soak v. - dikiida-dda
 soaked (adj.) - jiida,jiitu, jiido
 soaked, be v. - coollaha, loofta
 soap n. - sabuna-i (Swa.); samunaa-ni (Amh.); andarqii-ni (Som.)
 soapstone n. - hilintoo-ni
 sob v. - hirqifadha-fatta
 society n. - uumata-i
 sock(s) n. - kharsii-ni (Amh.); shuraabii-ni (Amh.)
 socket n. - boolee-ni
 soda n. - magaadoo-ni
 sodden, be v. - dabana-nta
 soft (fruit, grain) n. - qaracha-i
 soft (thing) n. - kachuu -ni; marduufa-i
 soft, be v. - buka'a-koofta; somba-bitu; dabana-nta
 soft, become v. - dhi'a-diita; saamphala'a-loofta;
 xaxxacha'a-coofta; xexxepha-phta
 soft, wet substance n. - borxoxxee-ni
 soften v. - riiqa-riixxa
 softly (adv.) - laana; (emph.) laanuma; suuta
 softness n. - laafina-i; luuca-ni
 soggy, be v. - coollaha, loofta
 soil n. - lafa-ti; biyyee-ni; xura'a-roofta
 soil (hard) n. - kokomicha-i; konkomicha-i
 soil (loose) n. - ruruma-i; ruusoo-ni
 soil (red) n. - ruusoo-ni; sorooro-ni; (red or white) shiilaa-ni; shiiluu-ni
 soldier n. - watadarii-ni (Amh.); xoorsaraawwitii-ni (Amh.)
 sole n. - ganaa-ni; faan-ti
 solid (adj.) - jabaa, jabduu, jaboo; (pl.) jajjabaa
 solidify v. - coomphaha-phoofta; -jijima- mta
 solitary (adj.) - kopha
 solitude n. - kophaa-ni; qoomnii-ni; qoomi-ni
 slide v. - soloola-lta; sololaha-laata
 Somali n. - Safara-ti;
 some (adj.) - tokko; takka; gari; - wa; wa'ii
 someone n. - ebeluu-ni; abaluu-ni
 something n. - wa; wa'ii; womaa; womu; homaa
 something above n. - kurree-ni
 something small n. - saara-i
 something small, be v - qachacha-chita
 son n. - ilma-i
 song (of young girls) n. - mossii-ni
 song n. - haagarroo-ni; waa farsiti; sirba-i
 soot n. - qaqa-ni
 soothe v. - qabana'a-noofta

sooty, become v. - qaq'a-qoofa
 sore n. - abdaraa-ni, mada
 sore throat n. - saqara-i; silisa-sita
 sore throat, have v. - silisa-sita
 sores, have v. - madaha-doofta; madaa-ni
 sorghum n. - misingaa; mashilaa-ni (Amh.); bobee-ni
 soul n. - hafuura-i; lubbu-ni
 sound n. - qonqo-ni; (splashing) dibiq'a-i
 sour, be v. - haddhawa-dhoofa
 sour, become v. - bulungawa-goofa
 south n. - bitaa-ni
 sown v. - facaha-caata
 space n. - (front of door) cichaa-ni
 spacious (adj.) - bala, balo, balo
 spaghetti n. - paastaa-ni (Ital.)
 spark n. - qaanqaa-ni
 spark v. - finiina-nta; calalaqa-laxxa; bibiliqa-lixxa; ibsa- ibista
 spatter v. - tiifa-fta
 speak v. - cuuqqisa-qifta; baana-nta; jedha-jetta
 speak constantly v. - xaxxisa-fta
 speak wrongly v. - dogongora-rta
 speaker n. - falqa-i
 spear n. - eboo-ni; woraana-i
 spear v. - waraana-nta;
 special (adj.) - kopha; qofa (Gab.)
 specialist n. - ogeesa-i; ogeettii-ni
 speck n. - huuba-i; daadaa-ni
 speckles n. - suukii-ni
 speech n. - dubbii-ni; seeda-i
 spell (evil) n. - murma-i
 spend the day n. - ola; olmaha-i
 spend the night v. - bula-bulta
 sperm n. - jissaa-ni
 sphincter n. - xannee-ni
 spider (small, grey) n. - sarrii-ni; orrobiisa-i; sarrii-ni
 spider web n. - saaphuphaa-ni; raaphuphaa-ni
 spill v. - cunqursa-sita; nanaqa-naxxa; yaa'a-yaata
 spilled v. - harcaha-caata; dhangelaha-laata
 spine n. - birii-ni
 spiral n. - dagalee-ni
 spirit n. - ekeraa-ni; hafuura-i; lubbuu-ni; naphsee-ni
 spit out v. - cirrifadha-fatta
 spit up v. - alqadha-qatta (used only for small children); didiga, bulgafadha
 spit v. - biifa-fta; tiifa-fta; tufa-fta

- spittle n. - hanchufa-ti; tufaa-ni
 splash v. - fifita-tta
 spleen n. - rajeejii-ni
 splice v. - takhaala-lta
 splinter n. - filida-i; v. filideessa-sita
 split up v. - fotoqa-toxxa
 split v. - baqaqa-qaxxa; bargafadha-fatta; basaqa-saxxa; caba-bda;
 falaxa-xxa (Amh.)
 split, be – cita-citta; falaana-nta; tarsa'a-saata
 splotched (thing) n. - botolee-ni bobotolee-ni
 spoil v. - babadeessa-sita; dadara-rta; gata-gatta; hammaadha-maatta;
 marqa-qita; meexa-meexxa; miidha-miitta
 spoiled v. - midhika-dhitta
 spoiler n. - qunqumicha-i; qunqumittii-ni;
 spoiling n. - qunquma-i; qunqumaa-ni
 sponge n. - huruffee-ni
 spongy n. - hoffee-ni
 spoon n. - kaasoo -ni(Som); mooqaa-ni
 spot (white) n.-kalabsuu -ni
 spot n. - biduu-ni ; karanchaaa -ni; ciira-i; hodolee-ni
 sprain n. - buqa'-ni
 sprain v. - midhisa-sita
 sprained v. - midhika-dhitta; buqa'a-qaata; meeladha-latta
 sprawl v. – calaala-ita; dhangalaha-laata; bakaafa-fta
 spray v. – didiga-dididda; firfirsasita; tufa-fta
 spread out v. – dagaaga-gaadda; afa, afta; diriirsasita
 spread the legs v. - bargefadha-fatta
 spread v. – cubussa-sita; facha-caata; labba-labda
 spring (of water) n. - burqaa-ni; maddoo-ni; madda-iti
 spring (of wire) n. - shiboo-ni (Amh.)
 spring n. - baleessa-i
 spring v. – ce'a-ceeta
 sprinkle n. - buffee-ni; (ritual sprinkling) mooca-moocca; fifita; firfirsasita;
 biifa-fta; bilbila-lta; fifita-tta; firfirsasita; tiifa-fta
 sprinkling n. - tiifuu-ni
 sprout v. - arareesaha-soofta, biqila-lta; barduma-mta; biqila-lta; caleefa-fta;
 latta-latta; n. latta-i; qunxa-xita; tusa-tucca; tucha-chita
 spur (chicken, cattle, goats) n. - koronchoo-ni
 spurfowl n. - wakarraa-ni
 spurn v. - qiriba-bda
 spurt v. - xinniqaa-ixxa
 spy v. - haaxeefadha-fatta; – dooyadha-yatta; gaada-gaadda;
 n. xoqaamii-ni (Amh.); haaxoo-ni;
 squash n. - bododda-i

- squash v. - tuma-tumta; uka-ita
 squat v. - quphana-nta
 squatting n. - teessuma-ti
 squeak v. - xiixa-xiixxa
 squeeze v. - cumfa-fita; dhandhooma-mta; kuucha-kuucca; macarsa-sita; miica-miicca; mudda-muddita
 squirrel n. - tuqaa-ni
 stab v. - waraana-nta
 staff n. - oroороо-ni
 stagger v. - daaqa-axxa; batatisa-tifta
 stain v. - halla-lita; xura'a-roofta
 stale, become v. - qamansa-sita
 stalk n. - (of millet or sugar cane) aalaa
 stallion n. - farda korma
 stammer v. - gigisa-siifta
 stamp n. - mataaba-i (Amh.)
 stand up v. - eja-ejita; ka'a -kaata
 star grass n. - sardoo-ni
 star n. - urjii-ni; (bright) n. - bakalcha-i
 starling n. - cuquliisa-i
 start n. - qabaa-ni; qabiisa-i; yayyaba-i
 start v. - jala qaba-qabda
 startled, be v. - dammaqa-maxxa; rifadha-fatta
 starvation n. - koolee-ni; koolawaa-ni
 starve v. - bobossa-sita
 status n. - shuuma-i
 statute n. - seera-i
 stay away from v. - miira-miirta
 stay v. - majeefadha-fatta; majaha-joofta; ola-olta; qubadha-batta; taa'a-teetta; tura-turta
 steal v. - hata-hatta
 steam n. - aara-i
 steam v. - damfa-fita; finiina-nta
 steep place n. - toronjii-ni
 step n. - faanoo-ni
 sterile (cow) n. - dhankaaka-i
 sterile (woman) n. - masseena-i; harkuu-ni; v. hawa-hawita
 sterile, become v. - goga-godda
 sterility n. - masseenumaa-ni
 sternum n. - laphee-ni
 stick (ceremonial for women) n. - siiqee-ni
 stick (for digging) n. - komfii-ni
 stick n. - bonjaa-ni; bordaa-ni ; harchumee-ni; moroolee-ni ; qo'ee-ni; salata-i; ulee-ni

- stick out v. - gooraha-rata; quuqa-quuxxa; quuqawa-qoofa;
 ulufa'a-foofa
 stick together v. - coomphaha-phoofa; lula-lulta
 stick v. - maxana-nta
 sticky v. - hodanaha-noofa
 stiff (neck) n. - amjalloo-ni
 stiff, be v. - sibra-brita
 stiff, become v. - qorqooraha-roofa
 stiffness n. - koteessa-i
 stifle v. - uka-ita
 stile n. - yaabdoo-ni
 still (conj.) - ammalle, ammoo; immoo; immooye
 still, be v. - ka'a -kaata
 sting n.- ilkee-ni
 sting v. - buqata-qatta; nyaadha-nyaata; qartammiisa-miifta
 stinging, be v. - xiixa'a-xoofa
 stink - v. ajaha-joofta ; bula'a-loofa; xira'a-roofa; ajaha; n. xiraa-ni
 stinking (adj.) - batti; bakti
 stir up v. - walti naqa-naxxa
 stir v. - (a fire) goola-lta
 stir v. - bulbula-lta; gargala-ta; irba-bit; kokorsa-sita; laaba-laabda; marka-qita
 stitch v. - gooda-goodda; hodha-hodhita
 stitching n. - xiyyoo-ni
 stocky (adj.) - tiira
 stolen livestock n. - dhiiroo-ni
 stomach n. - garaa-ni; garacha-i; qochumaa-ni
 stone n. - dhagaacha-i; dhakaa
 stone (of fruit) n. - kilee-ni
 stone n. - dhakaa-ni
 stones (small) n. - qurqura-i
 stony (place) n. - kurkuruu-ni; bulee-ni
 stool n. - marchumaa-ni; barchumaa-ni
 stoop v. - duufa-fta; goba-bda; gomphoola-lta
 stop v. - cufa-cufta; dhiisa-dhiifta; eega-eedda; indhisa-dhiifta; tura-turta
 stop it - laki!; diisi!
 stop over v. - takkaara-rta
 stop up v. - duucha-chita
 stop v. - ittisa-ittifta; dallamsa-sita; dhaaba-dhaabda; eega-eedda;
 storeroom n. - magazina-i (Ital.)
 stork n. - babohaloona-i
 storm n. - karfafuu -ni
 stout (adj.) - furda, furdo, furdo; gabba, gabbo, gabbo
 straight (adj.) - qajeela, qajeeltu, qajeelo; looko
 straight (adj.) - looko

straight, be v. - diriira-rta; sooyaha-yoofta; (adj. sooyama
 straighten v. - qunquma-mta
 straightness n. - huriisa-i
 strain v. - gingilca-chita
 stranger n. - Sidaama-ti; orma-i; mataqoo-ni (being ill at ease)
 strangle v. - hudha-ta
 strap (of leather) n. - bungee-ni; fannoo-ni; gaadi-ni; haada-i ;
 mishibii-ni; qabattoo-ni; qundhii-ni; seemsaa-ni
 straw n. - cidii-n (Amh.); dhuyyuma-ti
 stray v. - miliqa-lixxa
 stream v. - xuxxuruursa-sita
 street n. - kara -ni
 strength n. - forsaa- ni (Ital.); humna-iti; irree-ni; onnee-ni
 strengthen v. - da'eesa-sita; gonoofa-fta
 stretch v. - afa, afta; diriirsa-sita; fada-fadda; hiitadha-tatta;
 (a skin) dhissa-dhiffta
 stretcher n. - wasaasaa-ni
 stride (of camel) n. sodhoboo-ni
 stride v. akabsadha-satta; n. - sadhaba-i
 string (of leather) n. - dhi'ee-ni
 string (of sisal) n. - ilkoollee-ni; miseensa-i
 strip v. - follosa-sita; fofollosa-sita; qunchiisa-chiifta; xuruuradha-ratta
 striped (adj.) - daammi
 striped, be v. - mumura-ta
 stripes n. - barruu-ni; muramura-i
 stripped v. - quncaha-caata; folloqa-loxxa; folloqa-i - (something stripped bare)
 strips n. (wood) filxii-ni (Amh.)
 strive v. - carraaqa-raxxa; dogoma-mta; qolcha-cita
 stroke v. - hoosa-sita
 strong (adj.) - wadalla; baara, baartu, baara; (pl.) babaaro;
 addu (of animals) -; jabaa, jabduu, jaboo; (pl.) jajjabaa; mooti;
 furda, furdo, furdo
 strong (person or animal) n. kootee-ni; korkoree-ni
 strong (person) n. - qommicha-i; qeericha-i
 strong n. - kotoola-i
 strong, be v. - jabaadha-baatta; ribaha-boofta; make _____ v. - ribeessa-sita
 stubble n. - qunxaa-ni
 stubbornness n. - siriima-i
 stubby, be v. - jirma -jirmita
 student n. - barratu-i; (pl.) baratoota-i
 study v. - barradha-atta; tamaara-rta (Amh.)
 stumble v. - gatantara-rta; mucucaha-coofta; mucucaadha-caatta
 stunted (adj.) - tuura
 stunted, be v. - ukura'a-roofta; qanchara-rta

- stupid (adj.) - gowwa
 stupid n. - gadareesa-i; daallee-ni; gadaaricha-i; roodaa-ni;
 monyii-ni (Amh.)
 stupid, be v. - daalaha-loofta
 stupidity n. - daaleessaa-ni; daaluma-ti
 stutter v. - gigisa-siifta
 stuttering n. - gigeen-ni
 substance n. - nafa-i
 substitute n. - gayyaa
 succeed v. - itti ba'a-baata ; milkawa-koofta
 successful, be v. - dabra-barta
 suck v. - dhunguga-gudda; hodha-hoota; lefadha-fatta; xuuxa-xuxxa;
 xuuxadha-xatta
 sucker n. - hijinjii-ni
 suckle v. - hodha-hoota; qarchaasa-chaafta
 suddenly (adv.) - tassa
 sufficient, be v. - gaha-geeta
 suffocate v. - hudha-ta
 suffocation n. - hudhansa-i
 sugar n. - sukarii; sha'ii; sokortii-ni; sukaara-ti (Swa.)
 sugarcane n. - shonkoraa-ni (Amh.)
 suitable, be v. - ta'a-taata
 suitcase n. - saatinaa-ni (Amh.)
 summit n. - gubbaa-ni
 Sunday n. - Sambata (Orom.); Dilbata
 sundown n. - gumaani ya bu'e
 sunflower n. - suufii-ni (Amh.)
 sunken, be v. - dhaamaha-moofta; modhoka-dhotta
 sunlight n. - caama-i
 sunrise n. - biiftuu-ni
 sunset - aduun ya dhiite
 superior (adv.) - ola-olitti
 support n. - kala -kalta
 support n. - lamsa-i (Guji); irree-ni; kalchaa -ni
 support v. - fida-fidda; hirba-hirbita; hirkadha-katta;
 kiba-kibda; qarqaara-rta; gargaara-rta; saaba-bda; utuba-utubda;
 se'a-seeta; n. hirkoo-ni; n. kiboo-ni
 suppress v. - uka-ita
 suppurate v. - malaha-loofta
 suppuration n. - malaa-ni
 sure! (adj. + adv.) - mirkanna!
 surely (adv.) - silaafu
 surpass v. - caala-lta; dabra-barta
 surprise n. - mama-i

surprised, be v. - mama-mamta
 surround v. - marsa-sita
 surrounded, be v. - gingeesa-sita
 survive v. - nyaraaqa-raxxa; qodadha-batta
 survivor n. - ba'eessa-i; ba'eettii-ni; fiiga-i
 suspect v. - ciicadha-catta
 suspend v. - fanafadha-fatta
 suspended, be v. - raraha-raata
 suspicion n. - (wal) se'achaa-ni; birraa-ni
 suspicious, be v. - suufa-fta
 sustain v. - soora-rta
 swaggering n. - buuphaa-ni
 swallow n. - raaree-ni
 swallow v. - liqimsa-sita
 swamp n. - caffaa-ni
 swap v. - jijjira-ta;
 sway v. - daaqa-axxa; fanafadha-fatta; fuutisa-tifta; roraha-ta;
 socoha-ta; roraasa-raafta
 sweat v. - damfa-fita
 sweater n. - shuraabii-ni (Amh.)
 sweep v. - harra-rta; haxaha-xata; sossa-sita
 sweeping n. - harma-miti
 sweet, be v. - urga'a-goofa; miyawa-yoofta; qunxulaha-loofta
 sweeten v. - qunxuleessa-sita
 sweets n. - karamellaa -ni
 swell v. - bokoka-kotta; bukisa-kifta; buqacha'a-choofta; burdawa-doofta;
 buupha-phta; dhussaha-soofta; furfuura-ta; itaha-toofta; kulkula-lta;
 tiibba'a-boofta; xillibba'a-boofta
 swelling n. - dhussoo-ni; iitoo-ni; kursoo-ni; quunyoo-ni ; waciba-i;
 dirmamuu-ni
 swerve v. - cilaafadha-fatta
 swindler n. - malticha-i; maltittii-ni
 swing v. - cuqqisa-qifta; furiisa-riifta; raasa-fta; rootisa-tifta; roraha-ta;
 socoha-ta
 switch v. - milisa-sita
 swollen v. - bota'a-toofta okholadha-latta; dhofaha-foofta; dhodhoofaha-foofta
 swollen (adj.) - raba; xili
 swollen eye n. - bokkoo-ni
 swollen throat, have v. - silisa-sita
 sword n. - gorraadee-ni, - aflameeda-i (double-bladed); seeftii-ni;
 sheeftii-ni (Som.)
 syphilis n. - falxaataa-ni

- table n. - tarapheezzaa-ni (Amh.)
 taboo n. - habra-i; haraama -i (Arb.); laguu-ni
 tail n. - eegee-ni
 take (ahead of time) v. - simta-tita
 take an interest v. - yaala-lata
 take away v. - baasa-baafta; baafadha-fatta; fageessa-sita
 take care of v. - salfa-fita; fida-fidda; eegadha-gatta
 take from v. - baafadha-fatta
 take off v. - buufaadha-fatta; faaqa-faaxxa; buufadha-fatta;
 mulqa-qita; salqa-qita; irraa mura-rta
 take out v. - baasa-baafta; futa-futta
 take over v. - dhaala-lta
 take turns v. - marreessa-sita
 take v. - fuudha-fuuta; geesa-sita; qaba-qabda; qola-qolta;
 simta-tita; (one by one) gurteesa-sita
 take! - hoo!; hoodhi!; (pl.) hoodhaa
 talk v. - dubbadha-batta
 talk much v. - ogisa-ogifta
 tall (adj.) - daaqa, daaxu, daaqa; dheera
 tall (person) n. - qoortii-ni
 tamarind (tree) n. - rooqaa-ni
 tame adj. - kasso
 tame v. - matassa-sita
 tamp v. - sibrisiisa-siifta
 tan (adj.) - magaala
 tapeworm n. - minnii-ni
 tar n. - renjii-ni (Amh.)
 tarpaulin n. - sharaa-ni (Amh.)
 tassel n. - handaara-i
 taste v. - dhandhama-mta; una-ta
 tasteless v. - busha'a-shoofta
 tawny (adj.) - daallu
 tax n. - damooza (Amh.); gibira-i; koodii-ni (Swa.)
 tea (black) n. - strungii-ni (Saw., Eng.)
 tea (leaves) n. - sha'ii; majaanii (Swa.)
 teach v. - barsiisa-sifta; lenjisa-jifta; tamarsiisa-siifta
 teacher n. - barsiisaa-ni; barsiiftuu-ni; astamaarii-ni (Amh.)
 teaching n. - barnoota-i; barsiisaa-ni; tamaarii-ni
 team n. - gollii-ni
 teapot n. - moqoqoraa-ni
 tear open v. - qirqitadha-tatta
 tear v. - buta-butta; cira-cirta
 tearful, be v. - nyonyooka-yootta
 tears n. - imimaan

tease v. – caacursa-sita; goyeessa-sita; qalada-ladda (Amh.);
 taphadha-phatta
 teasing n. - tapha-i
 teat n. - gurruu-ni; mucha-i
 teff n. - xaaafii-ni Amh.)
 tejj n. - daadhii; xajjii-ni (Amh.)
 telephone n. - silkii-ni (Amh.); simuu (Swa.)
 tell v. - hima-himta; odeessa-sita
 temperament n. - miira-i
 temperature n. - qandhoo-ni
 temptation n. - ilaalachaa-ni
 ten n.+ adj.- kudhani
 ten (group) n. - kurnya-i
 ten birr note n. - bondii-ni (Eng.)
 tendon n. - maceera-i; morgaha-i; ribuu-ni
 tense, be v. – dallana-nta
 tent n. - waaroo-ni
 tenth n. - kudhaneessoo-ni
 termite n. - limoo-ni; abbalimo-ni
 terrified, be v. - giddaha-doofta; murgama-mta
 terror n. - murgama-i
 test n. - fatana-i (Amh.)
 testicles n. - gungumaa-ni
 testimony n. - dhugeessaa-ni
 thankfulness n. - galata-i
 that (pron.) - ka-ta
 that (pron.) - kuni; tuni; kunini; tunini; suni
 thatch v. - kaba -kabda
 theft n. - hanna-i
 them (pron.) - isaani
 then (adv.) – duuba; eegi ; jennaani; lama; yoosi
 there, over there (adv.) – achi
 therefore (adv.) - eegi ; tanaafi; yoosi
 these (pron.) - kuni; tuni; kunini; tunini
 they (pron.) - isaani; jarra-i
 thick, be v. - kantara -rta; bora-borta; gobba-bita
 thick, become v. – bora-borta
 thicken v. - itita-ititta
 thickset (adj.) - furda, furdo, furdo
 thief n. - hattuu-ni
 thigh n. – luka-lutti, (back of thigh) albaaquu-ni; uduuda-ddi; gudeeda-i;
 mudanmuddii
 thin (adj.) - goollo; huqqaa, huqqoo, huqqoo; qalla, qallo, qallo; become
 _____ - qalla-qalta; bonqooqa-i; qafiifa; haphhi

- thin person n. - bonqooqa-i
- thin, be v. - bobossa-sita; gaagaama-mta; labaha-boofta; gandaha-doofta;
gonnadha-natta; goodhaha-dhoofta; haffalaha-loofta
- thin, become v. - haaladha-latta; qerebadha-batta; xaxxacha'a-choofta
- things n. - miha-i
- thinness n. - gandii-ni; gandsaa-ni; huqquu-ni
- third n.+ adj. - sadeeni
- thirst n. - dheebuu-ni
- thirst v. - (livestock only) saldaqa-daxxa; dheeboodha-boota; laphisa-phifta
- thirty n. - sodooma-i
- this (pron.) - kuni; tuni; kunini; tunini; (accus.) tana (fem.); kana (masc.)
- this (one) (pron.) - tuni; tunini; kuni; kunini; kama-tama
- thistle n. - sokoruu-ni
- thong n. - dhi'ee-ni; - haadimuu-ni
- thorn (hooked) n. - ogoraa-ni; goraa-ni
- thorn n. - qoraati-ni; (small) qilxiphee-ni; ogoraa; ragaada-i; (many) shilkii-ni
- those (pron.) - kuni; tuni; kunini; tunini
- thoughts n. - ribuu-ni
- thousand n. - kuma-i
- thread n. - kirii-ni; lilaana-i
- threat n. - dhangaa-ni; farroo-ni
- threaten v. - aggadha -gatta; dorsisa-sifta; farrifadha-fatta; sodaachisa-chifta
- three n. - sadi; sadeeni
- thresh v. - bonkisa-sita (Amh.); baasa-sita
- threshing floor n. - oobdii-ni (Amh.)
- throat n. - gomaraa-ni; liqimsaa-ni; lubbuu-ni; qooqee-ni; hookoo-ni
- throb v. - dhawwa-dhoofta; dhudhukadha-katta; n. dhudhukachaa-ni
- through (prep.) - keessa, ke
- throw v. - darba-bitu; finiinsa-sita; hadha-daata
- throw away v. - gata-gatta; - foonkolcha-chita; dabarsa-sita; hadarsa-sita
- thrust v. - hulfa-fita
- thunder n. - dibbeesa-I; dibbiisaa-ni; mandia-ita; n. - mandiaa-ni; mandiisuu-ni
- Thursday n. - Kamisa; Hamuusi
- tick n. - cinnii, dirandisa; silmii-ni; bunuunii-ni; dirandisa-i; bununi;
dakhoo-ni; yaaqala-i
- ticket n. - kiraa-ni
- tickle v. - qirqirsa-sita; qirqirsaa-ni
- tie v. - ca'a-ca'ata; duudha-ta; gudunfa-fita; hidha-hiita; mara-rta; xurisa-rifta
- tight (adj.) - dhipha, dhipho, dhipho
- tight, be v. - xiixa'a-xoofta
- tighten v. - mudda-muddita
- tightness n. - qataaraa-ni
- till (conj.) - haga
- till v. - obra-obrita

- tilt v. - kofisa-fifta
time n. - bara-i; haga-i; sa'aatii-ni (Amh.); aduu-ni, yeroo, gafa;
(Amh.) gizee-ni; bara; jabanna-i; hojjaa-ni; mara-i; yeroo-ni;
-marroo-ni; next _____ takaa tana
time(s) n. - yo; yoi; yeroo
time (for moving) n. - quftuma-i
timid, be v. - daafana-nta; ceera-rta
timidity n. - fokoo-ni
tin (1 litre) n. - xaasaa-ni (Amh.)
tin can n. - bibii-ni
tingling (feeling) v. - qarqarsa'a-soofta
tinkle v. - qilisa-lifta; n. qileesa-i
tiny n. - burke-ni (of seeds or grain); _____ bit n. - xuunee-ni
tip n. - mataa-ni; fiixee-ni; ilkee-ni
tire n. - goomaa-ni (Ital.)
tired, be v. - dadhabba-bda
tired, become v. - dhi'a-dhiita
tiredness n. - sombaa-ni
to - -fi (suffix); gara
to you - sii
toad n. - raacha-i
toadstool n. - abbaa marqoo-ni; marqoo-ni; shoobaa-ni
toast v. - akaawwa-akoofta or akaha-akoofta
tobacco n. - sabala-i; tamboo-ni; bachoo-ni; hobossa-i
today n. - ardhaa-ni
toddler n. - da'ima-i
toddling n. - galifoo-ni
toe n. - quba-i
together n. - shanacha-i; wal; wol
tolerance n. - obsa-i; obsaa-ni
tolerate v. - baadha-baata; obsa-obsita
tomato n. - nyanyaa-ni (Swa.)
tomb n. - irreesa-i
tomorrow n. - borii-ni
tongs n. - qadhabaa-ni
tongue n. - arabba-i
tonight n. - edana
tonsure n. - bantii-ni
too (adv.) - ammalle
tooth (teeth) n. - ilkaani; ma'eela-i
toothbrush n. - rigaa-ni
top n. - mataa-ni; fiixxee-ni; gubbaa-ni; kurree-ni
torch n. - batterii-ni (Eng.)
torment v. - gama-gamta; makharsa-sita; mudda-muddita

- torn, be v. - cita-citta; tarsa'a-saata
 torrent n. - lollaa-ni
 torso n. - agooda-i (of people), upper (of animals) agooda-i;
 torso - qoma, laphee
 tortoise n. - qocaa-ni
 total n. - cufa
 totter v. - daaqa-axxa; gatantara-rta; leleqa-lexxa
 touch v. - tuqa-tuxxa
 towards (prep) - gara
 trace n. - faana-ti
 trachea n. - qooqee-ni
 track n. - faana-ti
 track v. - hordooffa-fta
 trade v. - dilaala-lata (Amh.); daldala
 trader n. - gurguraa naqaa
 tradition n. - aadaa
 trailer n. - gareetaa-ni
 train v. - lenjisa-jifta; barsisa-sifta; matassa-sita
 traitor n. - kaadaa -ni(Amh)
 trample v. - dhiita, dhiitta; looba-bda
 tranquility n. - caqali-ni
 transfer v. - jijira-ta; qayarama-ta (Amh.)
 transgress v. - takkaarfadha-fatta
 translator n. - turjubaana-i; afinaqii-ni (Amh.)
 transparent, become v. - saamphala'a-loofta; xaxxacha'a- coofta
 trap n. - xuruuraa; qambara-i (Amh.); v. - xuruura-rta
 travel food n.- wareega; sinqii-ni (Amh.)
 traveler n. - ideemaa-ni; ideemtuu-ni
 tray n. - sahaniiyaa-ni
 tread on v. - dhiita-dhiitta
 treat carefully v. -karkarsa -sita
 treat medically v. - walaana-nta; medical treatment n. - walaansa-i
 tree n. - muka-i
 trek n. - kunna-i
 tremble v. - holladha-latta; hollachaa-ni; reeqisa-qifta, socoha-coota;
 chocoha-coota
 tribe n. - saabaa-ni; gosa
 trick v. - soba-sobda
 trigger n. - qaataa-ni (Amh.)
 trim v. - qunquma-mta; quruuxa-ruuxxa
 tripod n. - gulichaa-ni
 trot v. - sussuka-sutta
 trouble n. - adaaba-i

- trouble n. – baqaa-ni, rakoo-ni; ciqicqiqii-ni (Amh.); bakaakaa-ni;
 dhiba; nartii-ni (Amh.); dhindhisaa-ni; dhiphuu-ni; hooloo-ni;
 qashihi'aa-ni
- trouble v. - dhiba-dhibda; maassa-sita
- trouble, have v. - gaargala-lta; bakaka-katta; yaala-lta
- troubled, become v. - muddadha-datta
- troublemaker n. - jallaa-ni; quufenyaa-ni (Amh.); kakarii -ni (Amh); karmura -i
- trough n. - gomboo-ni; nannigaa-ni
- trousers n. - hidhaa-ni; bolalee-ni (Amh.)
- truant n. – algala-i
- true (adv.) - qubo; dhugaa
- true! - mirkanna!
- truly (adv.) - dhugumaa
- trumpet n. - magalata; xurumbaa-ni (Amh.)
- trumpet v. - maraasa-sita
- trunk (elephant) n. - oddoo-ni; humbii
- trust v. – amana-nta
- trust n. - dhugeefachaa-ni
- truth n. - dhugaa-ni; jeemfa-i
- try v. - halaaqadha-qatta; moqora-rta (Amh.); itti gama
- trypanosomiasis n. - (sleeping sickness) - (camels) dhukaana-i;
 (cattle) awarsa, gandii, luuxaa
- tsetse fly n. - kitaana-i
- Tuesday n. - gebaya diqqo; Maksenyo (Amh.)
- tuft n. (of hair) - guutuu-ni
- turban n. - malakeena-i
- turban (dark) n. - ruufa-ti; (white) - surree-ni
- turn (take turn) v. - taraa-ni (Amh.); marroo
- turn back v. - rara-rarta
- turn over v. - gombisa-bifta
- turn v. - gargala-ta; jiiroo-ni; qonyee-ni
- turn-off n. - gorsumaa-ni; jiroo
- turtle n. - qocaa-ni
- tusk n. – ilka arba; kalaadii; ilka-ilkiti
- tweezers n. - baasaa-ni
- twenty n. – didama-i
- twice (adv.) - yo lama
- twin n. - lakuu-ni
- twine v. – ca'a-ca'ata; - michira-rta
- twinkle v. – calalaqa-laxxa
- twist n. – dagalee-ni; foloqa-i
- twist v. - borchaa-chita; mamara-ta; mara-rta; maxxaria-rita; michira-rta;
 midhisa-sita; ca'a-ca'ata; caasa-caafta
- twisted, be v. - midhika-dhitta; daba-dabda; meeladha-latta

two n. - lacuu-ni; lama; lamaanuu-ni

two-colored v. - shooma-mta

type n. - gosa-i

udder n. - gurruu-ni; qalaamee-ni

ugliness n. - koroomaa-ni

ugly (adj.) - gonjoba; n. - dhanqalee-ni

ugly, be v. - homforoqa-roxxa

ulcer n. - gilindee-ni

ululate v. - ililisa-lifta

umbilical cord n. - handhura-ti

umbrella n. - xilaa-ni (Amh.)

unable, be v. - abeeba, bda

unable, become v. - silala-ta

unapproachable, be - mandiida-dda

unattractive (adj.) - gonjoba; dhanqalee-ni

unattractive, be v. - hommforoqa-roxxa; koroomaha-moofta; busha'a-bushoofta

unbind v. - hiika-hitta

uncle n. - abbuyaa; abba diqa

unclean n. - haraama-i (Arab.)

unclear (word) n. - mooda-i

unconscious, be v. - wagaggaha-goofa

uncooked (adj.) - dheedhi

uncountable n. - kunkii-i

under (prep.) - jala; jalaa

underdone (adj.) - dheedhi

undershirt n. - shamisii-ni (Fr.)

underside n. - jala-i

understand v. - agara-rta; arga-gita; beeka-beeta; dhagaha-geetta;

hubadha-batta; qorqoradha-ratta

understanding n. - beekumaa-ni

undertake v. - jalqaba-bda

uneducated (person or animal) n. - mooga-i

uneven (place) n. - toronjii-ni

uneven n. - kakatee-ni

uneven, be v. - golompadha-fatta; quuqa-quuxxa; quuqawa-qoofta;

saakarawa-roofta

unevenness n. - karanchaa -ni

unexpectedly (adv.) - lafiifo; tassa

unfair, be v. - riiqa-riixxa

unfasten v. - hiika-hitta

unfold v. - diiga-diidda

unhappy, be v. - ooda-oodda; oodaha-doofta; luuxaha-xoofta

- uniform(ly) (adj and adv..) - qixxee
 unimportant n. - (person) haara-i
 uninhabited (area) n. - raassaa-ni
 unintelligent n. - gadareesa-i; daallee-ni
 unity n. - obbolumaa-ni; obboleeyyuma-ti; walumaa-ni
 unkempt, be v. - huuraha-roofta
 unknowingly (adv.) - lafiifo
 unlawful n. - haraama-i (Arb.)
 unless (conj.) - malee
 unmarried girl n. - galtama; foodoo-ni (Gab.)
 unmoving v. - sibra-brita
 unpleasant (thing or condition) n. - bohee-ni; bangee-ni
 unpleasant, be v. - koroomaha-moofta
 unrefined (adj.) - qarchacha
 unripe (adj.) - bargoo-ni; qaracha-i
 unripe v. - bargaha-goofa; magarra-rta
 unsteady (child) n. - galilfoo-ni
 unsure, be v. - tnatamaha-moofta
 untended (adv.) - hadiyoo
 untidy n. - adayyuu-ni, a disorganized, slovenly person;
 (housewife) - bosaha-i, adayyuu; onticha-i; shufuroo-ni (Amh.)
 untidy, be v. - hoxxaha-xoofta
 untie v. - fura-furta; gadhiisa-dhiifta; hiika-hitta; mulqa-qita
 until (prep. + conj.) - haga
 untrained, be v. - mandiida-dda
 up (adv.) - ola-olitti
 upon (prep.) - irra
 upper arm n. - uduuda-ddi
 upright (adj.) - looko
 uproar n. - caara-i; wacaa-ni
 upset v. - laaba-laabda
 upset, be v. - mufadha-fatta
 urge v. - ejachiisa-ciifta; n. - araadda -i
 urinate v. - fincaha-coofta
 urine n. - fincaani
 us (pron.) - nu
 useful (thing) n. - doobla-i
 useless (adj.) - dootu; gooffo
 useless ! - bilash! (Amh.);
 useless (adj.) - (Amh.) bilash; waan muyoo; muyoo; baaku; duwwa;
 useless (person) n. - bozonee-ni ; duriyyee-ni (Amh.); algala; midissaa-ni;
 useless, be v. - seseega-seseedda; bufa-fita;
 v. become _____ muyadha-yatta
 uterus n. - saaba-i

- vaccinate v. - kataba-bta
 vaccination n. - kitibaatii; talalla-ni (Amh.)
 vagabond n. - algalaa; ranjula-i
 vagina n. - booda-i; muxee-ni; buqa
 vague n. - coora-i
 vague, be v. - huraha-roofta; tantamaha-moofta; wara'a-roofta
 vagueness n. - tantammii-ni
 valley n. - dareera-i; balee-ni
 value n. - gatti-ni
 vanish v. - cali + jedha
 vantage (point) n. - doofii-ni
 vegetable (leafy green) n. - raafuu-ni
 vegetation (dense) n. rima-i
 vein n. - gonnee-ni; idda-i; moola-i
 venerate v. - sarma-mita; saalfadha-fatta
 vertebrae n. (cervical) - horroo-ni
 very (adv.) - guddoo
 vest n. - shamisii-ni (Fr.); shisii-ni (Fr.)
 view n. - mullii-ni
 vigor n. - humna-iti
 village n. - ollaa-ni; (ritual) - yaa'a; warra-i; warreena-i
 violate v. - dadara-rta
 virgin land n. - bajjii-ni
 visage n. - fuula-i
 viscera n. - marumaani
 visible, be v. - mulladha-latta
 visible, become v. - futisa-tifta
 vision n. - daayyaa-ni
 visit n. - (for business) imaltuu-ni
 visiting n. - oolii-ni
 visitor n. - ideemaa-ni; ideemtuu-ni; keessumaa-ni
 voice n. - qoonqoo-ni; gollaa-ni; (weak) v. - mararisa-rifta
 volcanic crater n. - boqee-ni
 volcanic stones n. - booralee-ni
 vomit v. - bulgafadha-fatta; didiga-dda; alqafadha; (repeatedly) haqisa-qifta;
 voracious (person) n. - glutton - agarii-ni; want to _____ qooqifadha-fatta
 vow n. - kakuu -ni; didhaa-ni
 vulgar, speak v. - laalifadha-latta
 vulnerable parts n. - dhalluu-ni
 vulture n. - alaatii-ni, sabooba-ni; simphira-ti; (hooded) - rummicha-i
 vulva n. - (of animal) fagara-ti

- waddle v. - bakaafa-fta
 wage n. - musaraa-ni; damooza-i (Amh.)
 wail v. - nyonyola-lta; oa-oota; wakala-ta
 waist n. - hidhaansa-i; mudhii-ni
 wait v. - eega-eedda
 waiting n. - eegachaa-ni
 walk (bent over, stooped over) v. - luluka-lutta
 walk v. - dhaqa-daxxa; deema-mta; yaa-ta
 walking n. - sadhaba-i
 wall n. - edeeda-i; (Amh.) girgiddaa-ni
 wander v. - algala-lta; labba-labda; qixisa-xifta
 want v. - barbaada-badda; fedha-fetta; halcha-chita
 war n. - waraana; weeraa-ni (Amh.); duula; lola; oolkii-ni (Amh.)
 warm v. - koosa-sita; qaanqamadha-matta
 warm, be v. - buluqa-luxxa; fuura-rta
 warn v. - dhaama-mta
 warning n. - dhangaa-ni
 warren n. - dhukuu-ni
 wart n. - kormomaani
 warthog n. - goljaa-ni
 wash v. - dhiqa-dhixxa
 wasp n. - sonsa-i; sonsoha-i
 wasted v. - harcaha-caata
 watch v. - laala-laalta; qorqora-rta
 watchman n. - qaafira-i (Som.); zebanya (Amh.); salfaa
 water n. - bisaani; (salty) - kuroo-ni
 water pipe n. - tubboo-ni; bomba-ni
 water v. - obaasa- obaafita; oggaha-geeta
 waterbuck n. - doomsoo-ni
 waterfowl n. - dakiyee-ni
 watering (of cattle) n. - obaa-ni
 watering n. - limaalima-i (second day after ____)
 watering of cattle n. - too'otii-ni; too'icha-i
 waterpot n. - taarii-ni
 watery v. - soolaha-loofta; (adj.) soolicha; soolitti
 waxing, moon (shiny) n. - addii, addeesa-i
 way n. - kara -ni
 we (pron.) - nu
 weak (adj.) - baaku; bakti; batti; dootu ; happhi ; muyoo;
 v. become ____ muyadha-yatta; qafiifa; yara, yartu, yaroo; dhedhanno
 weak (person) n. - dannabaa-ni; midissaa-ni; mujujaa-ni; laacaa-ni;
 (thing or person) n. - kochora-i; bullaa-ni
 weak spring of water v. - adaha-adaata; n. madda-iti, adaadii- ni

- weak, be – daafana-nta; dadhabba-bda; gaagaama-mta;
 kammaha -maata; labaha-boofta; qodhabaha-boofta;
 bufa-fita; dhokadha-katta; gonnadha-natta; goodhaha-dhoofta;
 mujuja-mujujja; qeeta'a-toofta; soonso'a-soofta; taadha'a-dhofta;
 wara'a-roofta; wintaha-toofta; n. _____ (thing) qeetii-ni;
 weak, become v. - dhi'a-dhiita; haaladha-latta ; jinfaha-foofta;
 seseega-seseedda; xexxepha-phta; abeeba-bda
 weaken v. - taadheessa-sita
 weakling n. - mucee-ni
 weakness n. - koolee-ni; koolawaa-ni; laafina-i; lulama-i; lulamaa-ni; gandii-ni;
 gandisea-ni; huquu-ni; leleqaa-ni
 wealth n. - horii-ni; hormaata-i
 wealthy, be v. - macha'a-choofta
 weapon n. – dullaa-ni (Amh.); bokkuu
 weave v. - hodha-hodhita; xaxa-xaxxa
 weaving n. – dha'icha -i
 web n. - saaphuphaa-ni
 wedding n. - fuudha; oroosa-i (Swa.)
 Wednesday n. - Robi; dabsu gebaya diqo
 weed v. - araama-mta; weeding n. – araamaa-ni; golgaala-lta (Amh.);
 keessaa guura
 weep v. - boo'a-boota; qarcha'a-chaata
 weeping n. - imimaan
 weevil n.– daanoo-ni (Amh)
 weigh v. - mizaana-nta (Swa.); n. kiiloo-ni. (Ital.); mizaana-i (Swa.)
 weighty (adj.) - ulfa, ulfo, ulfo
 well (adj.) - baara, baartu, baara; (pl.) babaaro; sirri; dhugaa
 well (adv.) - shonaani; sonaani
 well (of water) n. - tulaa-ni; eela-i
 well cooked v. - bilchaadha-chaata
 well, be v. - fayya-fayyita
 well-being n. - finna-i
 well-informed n. - saricha-i; saritti-ni
 well-mannered (adj.) - kasso
 welt n. – dirmamuu-ni
 wet (adj.) - jiida,jiitu,jiido; dhedhanno
 wet, be v. – coollaha-loofta; dabana-nta; faltaha-toofta; nyonyooka-yootta
 wetness n. – dabana-i
 what about? - ho?
 wheat n. - dargayyee; qamadii-ni
 wheedle v. - sobadha-batta
 wheelbarrow n. - kareeta -i (Ita); gaarii-ni; gareetaa-ni
 wheeze v. - xiixa-xiixxa
 wheezing n. - xiixaa-ni

when (adv. + conj.) – adoo, atoo; gaafa; haga
 when? - yoomi?
 whence - eessaa?
 where - eessa; yo + u tense
 where (?) - gara; garami? me?
 where from? - eessaa?
 where is it (he)? - mere?
 where then? - mere?
 where? - eessa
 whey n. – dhamma-ti
 which (pron.) - ka-ta
 which way? - eessa?
 which? - which one? - kami ?,tami?
 while (conj. + adv.) – adoo, atoo
 whine n. – boo'a-boota
 winny v. - imimisa-sita
 whip n. - halangee-ni (Amh.); qacee-ni; lichoo-ni; harcumeen-ni
 whip v. – dhaana-nta; facisa-cifta;
 whirl v - burisa-rifta
 whisper v. - hasaasa-hasaafta; hasaasaa-ni
 whistle v. - phiiphisa-phifta; fiissa-sita; _____ gently v. - shawisa-wifta;
 n. phiiphiisa-i; fiiquu-ni; fulidoo-ni; fiissa-i
 white (adj.) – adii (kallaate); calqi ; boroora (for horses and mules)
 white, become v. – addaadha -datta; n. whiteness- addeenna
 who (pron.) - ka-ta
 who(m)? - eennu?
 who?- kami?,tami
 wholesome n. - sifaa-ni sifeesaa-ni
 whom (pron.) - ka-ta
 whooping cough v. - yiika'a-koofa; n. yiikee-ni
 whose (pron.) - (fem.)ta; (m) ka
 wick n. - kirii-ni
 wickedness n. - qasihi'aa-ni
 wide (adj.) - bala, balo, balo
 widen v. – diriirsa-sita; fada-fadda
 wife n. - niitii-ni; nadheeni;
 wild animal n. - busawwa-i; bineensa-i
 wild dog n. - sarree diidaa; ya'ii-ni; yayii-ni
 wild, be v. - mandiida-dda
 will n. - fedhii-ni
 win v. – curda-dita; jaarsa-sita
 wind n. – (strong) bubbee-ni; (normal) qileensa
 windpipe n. - lubbuu-ni; qoonqoo-ni
 windy and cold v. - qiida'a-doofta; n. qiidaa-ni

- wink v. - qisa-qicca
winner n. - qolchaa-ni
wipe (out) v. - sossa-sita; haaqa-xxa; haxaha-xata; xuruuradha-ratta
wiped out v. - mutuqa-tuxxa; (adj.) - muluuqi
wire n. - shiboo-ni (Amh.)
wisdom n. - qarumaa-ni; jeemfa-i
wise (adj.) - qaro
wise person n. - qafa-i
wish v. - fedha-fetta; fedhii-ni
wishing n. - bagga-i
witchdoctor n. - murmicha-i, murmittii-ni
with (prep.) - bira
with you - siini
withdraw v. - dachaha-chaata; dhedha-dheta
withdrawn, be v. - sulfaama-mta; ulfaama-mta
wither v. - kokotaha-toofta; qamaacha'a-chaata; qanchoradha-ratta;
risa-rifta; xoolaga-laadda
within (prep.) - keessa, ke
without (prep.) - adoo, atoo see - agara-rta, arga; malee
without, be v. - koomadha-matta
witness n. - dhugeessaa-ni; nama dhugaa; misikirii-ni (Amh.)
witness v. - dhugaa taha; naqasa-naqafta
wobble v. - batatisa-tifta; fuutisa-tifta; leleqa-lexxa
woman n. - uwwa-iti; (married) n. - niitii; nadheeni
womanhood n. - uwwa-iti
women n. - beera-ti (usually used in the plural); nadheeni
wood n. - muka-i
wood strips n. - filxii-ni (Amh.)
woodpecker n. - tumaaddissa-i
word n. - dubbii-ni
work n. - hujii-ni; hojjaa-ni (Oro.)
work v. - hojjadha-atta; (slowly) hiriha-rita; goodha-dhatta (Shoa)
world n. - lafa-ti
worm n. - raamoo-ni; (nasal) - furudoo-ni
worn (adj.) - dullacha, dullatti, dullacha; moofa, mooftu, moofoo; rapha; raqa-i
worn out v. - bututa-tutta; goblola-lta; hacimpheera-rta; hofoofa-foofta;
kotota-totta; subuqa-buxxa
worn-out cloth(es) - wadaaree-ni
worried, be v. - luuxaha-xoofta
worry v. - na'a-naata; carraaqa-raxxa; dhindhisa-sita;; nyaraha-raata; yaada-dda;
n. - moosaa-ni; dhindhisaa-ni
worthless (adj) - muyoo; - yara, yartu, yaroo;
v. become _____ muyadha-yatta
n. (person or thing) - hoxxee-ni

would - silaa

wound v. - dira-dirta; n. - madaa-ni

wounded, be v. - madaha-doofta

wreck v. - gasta-gatta

wrestle v. - wal qaba-qabda

wring v. - borca-borchita; kuucha-kuuccaa; michira-rta

wrinkle v. - risa-rifta or richa; v. minyeesa-sita; n. miinya-yiti;

nyoora-i; qanchora-i

write v. - barreessa-sita; qora-qorta; xaafa-fta (Amh.)

wrong, be v. - yakka-kita

wrong, do v. - giica-giicca

wrongdoing n. - eebee-ni

x-ray n. - raajii-ni (Eng.)

yawn v. - amommadha-matta

year n. - waggaa-ni; ganna; bara-i; (the past year) barana

year after year n. - barbaraa-ni

yell v. - carrisa-rifta; iya-iyita; n. iyana-ti

yellow (adj.) - birtee

yellowish (adj.) - daallu

yes - yaa (m); yeh(f)

yes! - ee'ee

yesterday n. - kale; kaleesa -ni

yet (adv. + conj.) - ammalle

you (pron.) - isan; (voc.) isii; si; atini; sii (dative); siini (ablative)

young n. - ilmee-ni

young (animals/children) n. - lammacha-i; lammootta-i

young (thing) n. - cuqaa-ni

youngster n. - agooroo -ni; of animals or small children), (ijoollee agooroo)

youngster n. - gurbaa-ni

youngsters n. - yarsuma-i

your (pron.) - kanke, tante, ke, te

your - (possessive pron.) keessani, teessani; (sing.) kanke, tante; keeti, teeti

yourself (pron.) - ufi

youth n. - ka'ima-i; yarsuma-i

zebra n. - harree diidaa

zigzag v. - qatamura-rta; n. qatamura-i; sokharee-ni



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